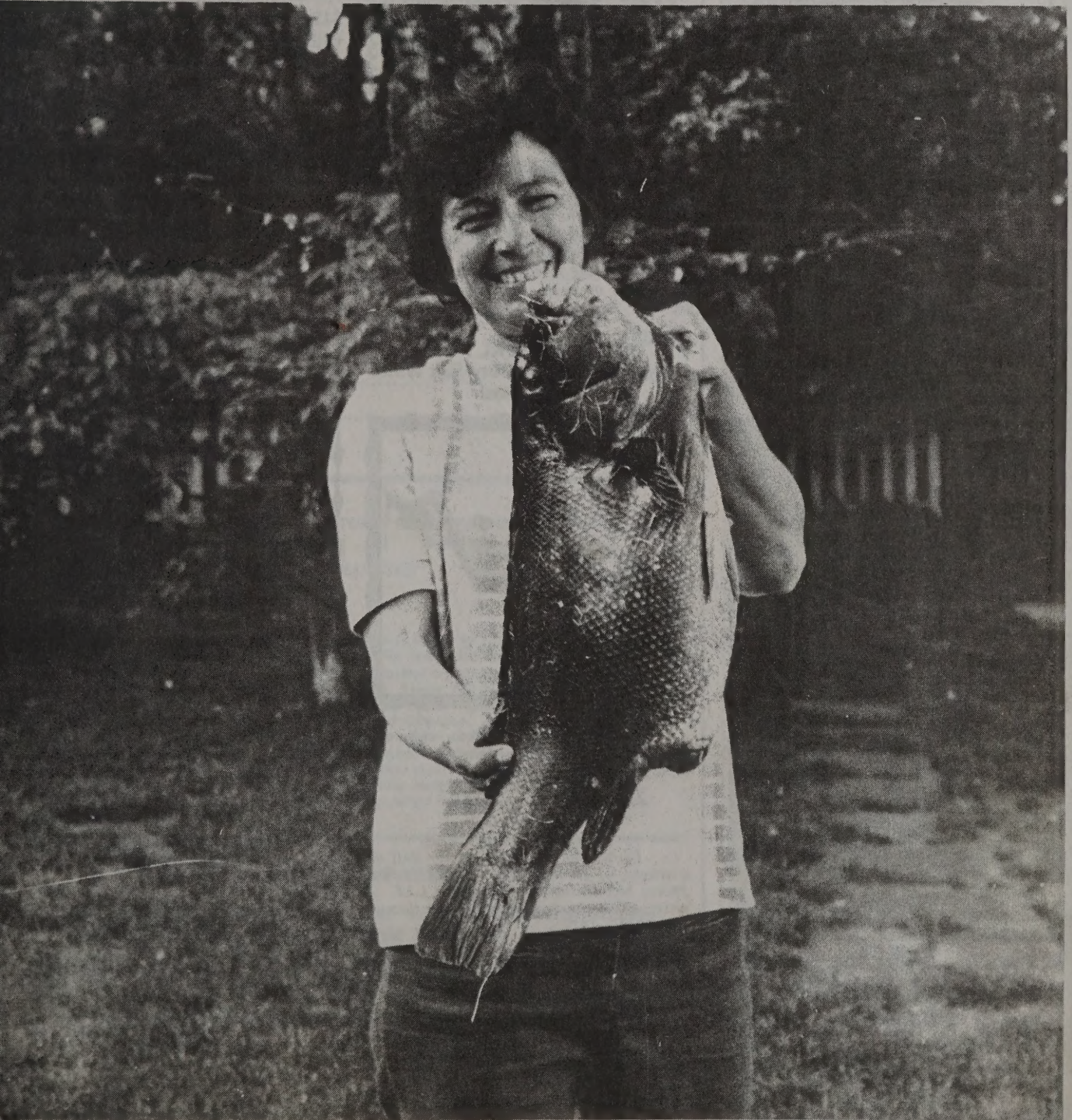


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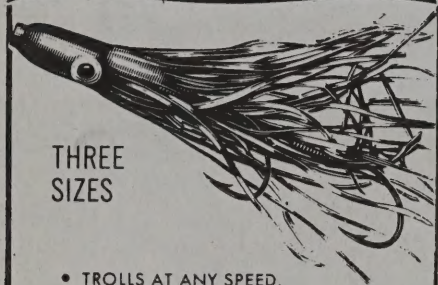
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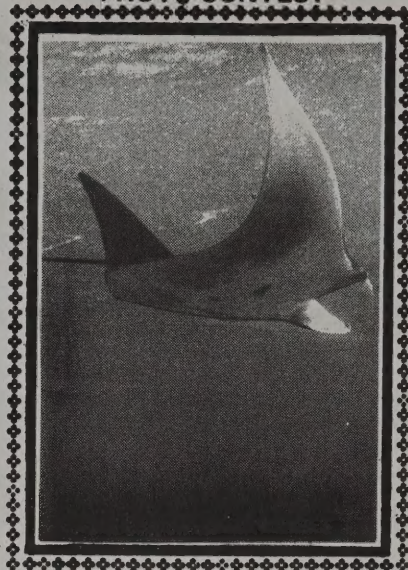
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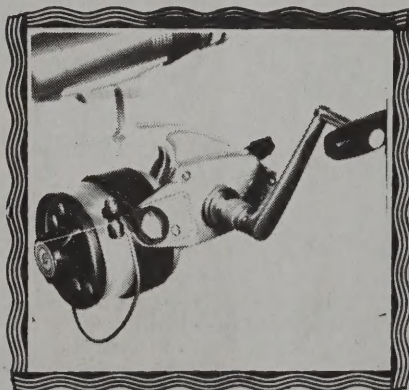
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This week's Daiwa's Interesting Photo Contest was won by Einar "Doc" Grell with this photo of a devilfish. The photo was taken while Doc was diving on the wreck Dramelzier off Fire Island. Doc Grell said this was the first time he had been able to put it all together: a nice fish, clarity of water, the camera and a good aim.

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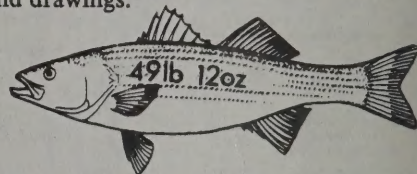
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rig. The fish was weighed in at Henning's
Fishing Station.

There were a good number of large
bass entered in the contest this week.
Several were in the 40 lb. class. Would
you say this indicated the big bass were
in?

Congratulations Mr. Yackel, your
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end drawings.



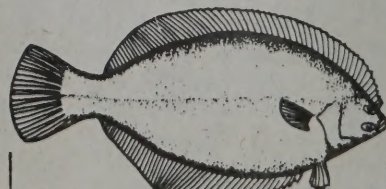
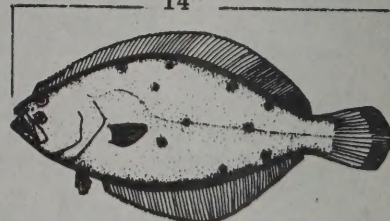
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The N.Y. State Department of
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fishermen that the 14 inch limit on
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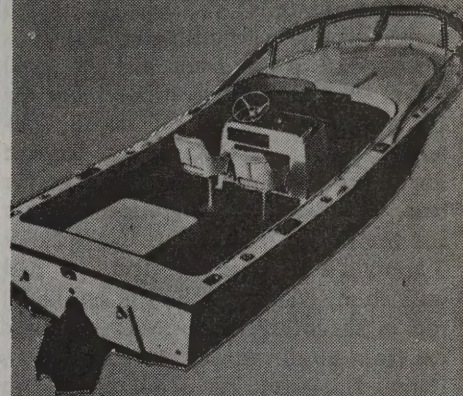
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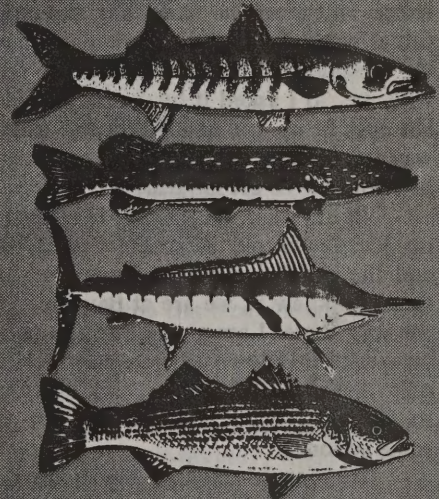
FRONT PAGE PHOTO

The Long Island Sound has, in recent weeks, yielded some outsized blackfish, especially around the harbor breakwaters and mussel bed bottoms. Sea bass, a species that has been lacking on the North shore, has been making a fairly strong comeback also. Our front page photo shows Gladys Kerzner of Huntington Station with a 9 lb. 12 oz. blackfish which she landed in the surf at Eaton's Neck using a clam bait.

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THAT TIME OF DAY arrives when the pull of salt water and sky and the promise of fish gets me out of a Sunday-type mood and into the garage, to gather waders and surf rod, and fills me with thoughts of plugging bass and weaks at Fire Island Inlet. Due to a chronic case of the shorts, though, I still hadn't bought my toll tickets for the Governors-Jones Beach toll booth. Alternate plans . . . O.K., I'll try Bayville for weaks and maybe pick up a keeper bass. There's a mild southwesterly breeze and the sky is a bright blue. But in 2½ or 3 hours it'll be sunset. Perfect . . . As I walk to my Valient, waders in one hand, rod in the other, I see coming towards me from up the street, a neighbor's son, Danny Haggarty. He is 13 and new to the angling game, but I know he's eager for sport. Recently, he got a 2-piece 9 foot surf rod and small Crack reel. He fishes whenever he can, but the way things work, that's not too often. I knew via the grapevine that he wanted to fish with me, so I asked if he would join me. His eyes lit up and he didn't know which way to run first, to tell his mother where he's going or to get his gear.

In any case, we were soon zooming up Meadowbrook, Northern State, 106 and the other few zigs and zags and before you knew it, we are at Bayville. On the way there, I am giving him the poop on weakfish (known as weak-poop). He's only fished for flounders and blowfish so far and I really want to see him get some action.

We get to Stehli's Beach at the western end of Bayville at around 6:30 P.M. This is a long stretch of sand and pebble beach with a rocky, stoney bottom. There is a high incoming tide now.

"Let's see what these other guys are getting, Dan," I say. There are a lot of anglers lining the whole length of the beach. But these do not appear to be bass hounds. These are seated dudes, rods in sandspikes, and bodies in various positions of repose and relaxation. No one is after bass or weaks, I discover. The only boat around is a sailboat about 1000 yards out. The sun is still at about 11:00 on the horizon, to the west. Blue sky. Great cloud formations. What I see when I walk over and talk with a few of the fellows fishing there, is big BLACK-FISH, about 3 pounders. Not a lot of fish, but nice sized ones. Danny says he's never caught blackfish before. He's almost shaking.

"Look how big they are," he says.

"Let's get bait and we'll fish for blacks, O.K. Dan?"

BEGINNER'S

BLACKS AT

BAYVILLE

By STU (BAD WINDS) MILLER

"Yeah," says he, and back to my mighty vee-hickle we trot. Back in the town, Norm's Tackle is closed, but we find the bait station on the NW side of the Bayville bridge open. The blacks were being caught on bloodworms but this place was all out. The barefoot lad who runs the place has only frozen and fresh clam. I get a dozen fresh skimmer clams for 85¢ and we race back to Stehli's Beach. On the way, I feed Danny the poop on catching blackfish (known as black-poop).

"But I don't have a sandspike or hooks or sinkers," he says.

"Relax partner, I have extras of everything in the truck. Besides, you can't catch blackfish using a sandspike. Remember, you've got to feel the light 'bop-bop,' wait a couple of seconds, then lean back and set the hook."

We pick out a spot on the beach and I quickly make up blackfish rigs, tying in one snelled hook 6 inches above the pyramid (yes, pyramid) sinker. I show him how to break open the clam on the rocks, cut it up and bait the hook. He picks it up fast and soon lobs out a cast about 80 feet or so. I let one sail, about 150 feet. I really want him to get fish, even more than I want to connect myself. Let's face it, it's important to score on trips early in a fishing career. It builds confidence in the neophyte and gives him experience and knowledge and memories to build on. Then he wants to fish again and again. And he thinks fishing and reads fishing and goes fishing, instead of filling his time with pot, pills and heroin, as too many kids are doing these days.

"Hey, Mr. Miller, I think I've got one," calls Danny. Sure enough, the kid is tied into a slugging black. He leans back, cranking, the rod's top throbbing under the pulls of the fish. I warn him of the drag setting and he loosens it very slightly. A cool kid! "Pump him, Dan, feel and enjoy the fight he gives," I advise. He does. "Wow," he breaths. Soon he has beached a nice blackfish, about 4 pounds. Really a nice fish. Slowly he unhooks the black, rebaits and is out there again, with an easy lob cast. Ten minutes pass. BANG! He's into

another one. He brings it in (with no advice from me this time), as I cheer him on. Score: 2 for the neophyte, 0 for the ol' boy. This second fish is the same size as the first and gave a good fight.

I'm there with my thumb in my mouth and the other in my ear, waiting for a rap. I try a cast closer in, like about 80 feet. By now, I've tied a second snelled hook to my line, about 14" above the other hook. Fifteen minutes pass. "I have another," he yells, and after a fine fight, Danny beaches another 4 lb. black.

By this time, I wanted to give him a little stick with my knife (just a small jab, not too deep) because he was getting all the fish and I wasn't getting any. (I want a fish! I want a fish! WAAAAaa!) During all this time, I might add, no one else was catching fish. All were using bloodworms and they were being ignored. Clam was the order of the day.

Suddenly, I get two hard raps. Bop . . . Bop. I hesitate, then lean back. I am into a bruiser and he bulldogs it all the way in. But he's no match for a 10' stick, a big Luxor and 18 lb. test line. This guy was worth waiting for; 6 lbs. of solid muscle, with ½" long buck teeth for grillwork. I followed this up with a 3 lb. and then a 1½ pounder. So it was roughly even up. Three for Danny, three for me. I could look him in the eye now. (I'm glad I waited and did not stick him with my knife after all.)

A husky, middle-aged fellow comes up to me at this point and says he was watching me through his binoculars while I was bringing in my big fish and could see it. I showed it to him and we talked a while. Says he's fished up and down the East coast and has fished with Hal Lyman and Frank Woolner. He says Woolner fishes very hard and runs the beaches in a PINK beach buggy. Picture that . . . Woolner tearing across the beach, pipe clenched tightly in his teeth, hands in a vise-like grip on the wheel of his PINK beach buggy.

Well, we were out of bait by now, and I pointed out how beautiful it was fishing here at Bayville, the air so sweet

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The Newest Game Fish BLOWFISH

by RICHARD GELFOND

"Blowfish are probably the easiest to catch. They bite on almost any bait and are very easy to hook. It is very rare for a blowfish initially on the hook to fall off. Because of the ease at which a blowfish can be taken, it is a perfect fish for beginners."

FOR MANY YEARS the species of fish commonly known as blowfish was thought of as a worthless scavenger. Only within this past decade have blowfish been labeled an edible fish. Many people not only regard blowfish as edible now, but consider it a fine delicacy.

The change in attitude towards the blowfish arose when people discovered the delicious meat which could be obtained from the tail section. Because of its abundance and fine taste, blowfish are now one of the most sought after fish around Long Island.

The best spot to catch these fish has traditionally been the South shore. Stretching from Rockaway Inlet to Montauk, "blows" can be caught almost anywhere. Two of the best spots are Seaford and East Moriches. These places seem to have hordes of blowfish in their waters.

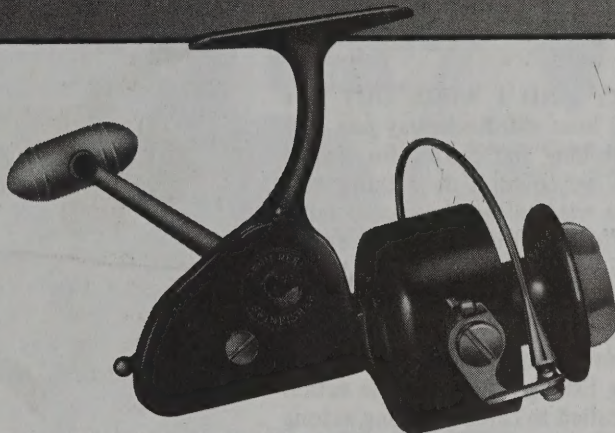
In Seaford, a large mass of fish can be found just outside the boat rental areas. The place is called Four Corners. Once at that spot, the line can just be placed in the water and the blows will begin to hit; and they just keep on hitting. In the Moriches, Buoy 27 is a most productive location. Several dozen fish can be boated in this area within a few hours. Similar results can be obtained almost anywhere on the South shore.

Blowfish are probably the easiest fish to catch. They bite on almost any bait and are very easy to hook. It is very rare for a blowfish initially on the hook to fall off. Because of the ease at which a blowfish can be taken, it is a perfect fish for beginners.

Worms, clams, squid, lures, mussels and other varieties of bait all have similar effectiveness. Since the blowfish is a scavenger, it will bite on this great variety of baits.

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The bait should be placed on a No. 2 flounder hook for best results. The hook should be placed basically even with the weight, or slightly below, so as to insure that the hook gets down to the bottom. Blowfish are bottom fish that lie in the mud so it is important to make sure that the hook hits the bottom. The size of the sinker varies according to the tide. In a swift tide, a 4 oz. sinker will be fine. With a lesser current, a 2 oz. sinker should be satisfactory. The 2 oz. size enables the angler to feel the fish better than a heavier size.

For the pier fisherman, a light weight usually provides a good cast on a day with light winds. One of the best piers for blowfish is in Captree State Park. In Captree, some fishermen catch up to a hundred blows in a day at the pier farthest from the bait station.

Although chumming for blows is not necessary, a mixture of corn and rice all but insures a great days catch. The chum can be placed in a chum pot or a coffee can with holes in it. As the tide moves, so too does the chum, bringing many fish around the fishing area.

Another chum which is uncommon but effective is cat food. The fish love it and the cat food is both economical and convenient for the angler.

With the chum overboard, the hook and sinker are then cast into the chum slick. The best outfit to use for blows is a lightweight flounder outfit. This outfit will provide the fisherman with great fun in bringing in his prey. The rod should be made of fiberglass with four or five guide eyes. Five pound test line is just about right. For even more fun than with a rod, a dropline is suggested. When a fish is hooked, it is great fun to bring it in by hand.

Once the blowfish is on board, it is soon realized that this is an amazing fish. Many first-time blow-fishermen are shocked when they see the blowfish expand. When the blow is captured and tickled on the stomach, it blows up like a mini balloon. This procedure involves a large intake of air by the fish. (When in the water he fills himself with water.) The stomach becomes very rough and totally filled with air. This is a protective device in the blowfish. He does this to ward off predators.

The skin on the blowfish is of a sandpaper-like texture. When cleaning time comes, only the most experienced anglers are rearing to go. The best way to clean the fish is to have a positive

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PORGIES

by VLAD EVANOFF

"Look for porgies over sand and mud bottoms, oyster, mussel and clam beds, rocky bottoms and wrecks."

HARRY AND I WERE OUT in a small boat off Rockaway one July morning, trolling and casting for striped bass. But we couldn't do a thing with them so we tried to see if we could catch some bluefish. Still no luck and we were ready to give up as the sun rose higher and we had fished for three or four hours without a strike.

However, I'm the type who hates to give up fishing without some action and am satisfied to catch anything as long as it provides some sport and fun. So I turned to Harry and said, "How about catching some porgies?"

Harry looked at me and replied, "With what? - - - We have no bait!"

"That's what you think," I answered back as I reached for a bag with a dozen skimmer clams inside. I had brought these on the boat without Harry knowing. A big smile broke on Harry's face as he hollered, "Let's go!"

So we headed for the Tin Can Grounds and anchored with the rest of the fleet already there. We could see them hauling in the silvery porgies on



A good-sized porgy will put a real bend in your rod. This one was hooked at the Tin Can Grounds off the Rockaways, a good spot for these fish.

almost every boat. We rigged up, baited up, and soon were in action too, and by noon had a couple of dozen fish apiece.

This has happened to me on several occasions and when other fish are missing or not hitting, I can almost always depend on the porgies to be ready and willing to bite. They are true "panfish of the sea" and when plentiful are fairly easy to catch. With heavy commercial fishing in recent years, porgies have not been as

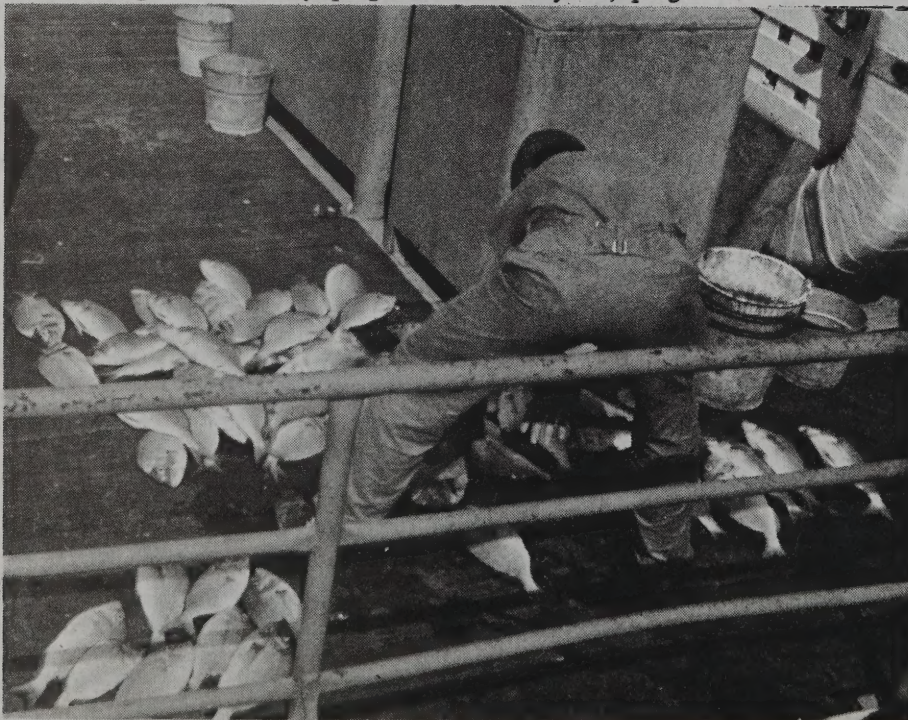
numerous as in the past in many spots. So now it often takes a bit more skill and know-how and tricks to catch some fish.

Porgies do not grow too big and even the so-called "sea porgies" or "dinner plate" porgies caught early in Peconic Bay or on the Tin Can Grounds and other spots rarely go over 2 or 3 pounds in weight. So use your lightest tackle for them and you'll have top sport. In bays such as Peconic, where the water is shallow and tides aren't too strong, I prefer a light, one-handed spinning rod with 8 or 10 lb. test line. Then you can fish with sinkers weighing only an ounce or two.

If you fish in deeper water around rocks, wrecks or in strong tides and currents, a somewhat heavier outfit is better and a stronger 20 to 30 pound test line on a conventional reel and a boat or pier rod is better. Here you also have to use heavier sinkers up to 6 or 8 ounces.

Porgy rigs are simply basic bottom rigs with one or two hooks. The first hook can be tied a few inches above the sinker on a short 12 or 14 inch snell and the second hook can be tied above the first just high enough not to tangle with it. No. 1/0 or 2/0 hooks are best for the larger porgies. But for bay porgies or sand porgies which run smaller, a No. 2 or 4 hook is better. These can be Sproat, O'Shaughnessy or Eagle Claw patterns.

The hooks can be baited with short lengths of bloodworms or sandworms, for bay fishing. Other baits which can



During the summer months, party boats like this one at Sheepshead Bay account for many porgies.

be used include mussels, pieces of shrimp and shedder crab. Skimmer or ocean clams are good for the big "sea porgies" in the ocean. I've also caught them on grass shrimp while chumming for weakfish. In fact, they'll often rise off the bottom to grab such a shrimp bait when the tide is not too strong.

Look for porgies over sand and mud bottom, oyster, mussel and clam beds, rocky bottoms and wrecks. Actually, you won't have much trouble locating porgies since during the summer months you'll often see fleets of party boats and private boats fishing for them in the most productive spots. As mentioned earlier, near New York City, porgies are caught off Sandy Hook, the mussel beds off Coney Island, Rockaway Point, the Tin Can Grounds and along the edges of Ambrose Channel. The waters around Montauk Point and in Gardiner's Bay also have a lot of porgies. A few spots which can be tried there include the Great Eastern Rock, Washington Shoals, Pocket-book Ledge and the Midway Grounds.

Chumming with crushed clams or mussels is a good way to bring porgies under the boat and hold them there. Just scatter these around the boat or you can lower the stuff to the bottom in a chum pot or bag.

Most porgy fishing is done from an anchored boat right over the most productive spot. But I've also caught some of the bigger porgies by drifting with the tide or wind. This drift should be steady but not too fast and if you feel nibbles or a bite, drop your rod tip and give some slack line so the fish can swallow the bait.

Actually, porgies do prefer a moving bait more often than one which is just lying still, so even when anchored it's a good idea to lift your rod tip and then drop it back quickly so that the rig and bait is raised off the bottom, then settles back down again. This movement attracts porgies and you'll get the bite right after the sinker hits bottom. Doubles or even triples if you use three hooks are common in porgy fishing if you set the hook on the first fish, then wait until the second and third grab the hooks.

My favorite way of catching porgies is on a light one-handed spinning rod, small salt-water spinning reel and 8 or 10 lb. test line. I attach a 2 or 3 ounce diamond jig on the end of the line and lower this to the bottom, then start working it up and down. This is best where the water isn't too deep and the tide or current isn't too strong. Most of the porgies caught this way are good sized and they usually grab the diamond jig in their mouths. But often they are foul-

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hooked in the back or side or head and then you have a real fight on your hands, especially if the tide or current is strong.

Porgies make good eating if you don't mind a few bones. You can even get rid of these if you fillet the big porgies. Or you can cut them into sections and fry them. The meat is tender, flaky and sweet.



BEGINNER'S BLACKS

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and clean, the beauty of the sunset we were watching, and the all-enveloping peacefulness of this place. Danny listened quietly and agreed. I was consciously trying to convey all the great enjoyment of our sport and think I succeeded. I know he'll be fishing more and more, and it makes me happy to know that I am part of his formation and foundation, as a fisherman.

It would be a fine thing for all of you reading this to take a boy out fishing. Pass your knowledge and experience and appreciation of nature on to the next generation. Let them know who it is that pollutes; who it is that destroys beautiful fishing spots with unneeded bridges; who the self-serving legislators are who effectively kill the Bass Bill each year (P. Duryea), and allow the destruction of our wetlands.

It is the neophyte who will have to carry on the fight against "PROGRESS" that threatens our fishing, so we should involve and guide and welcome them with open arms.



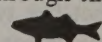
BLOWFISH

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attitude. The blow should be grabbed by one hand and placed on its stomach. With a knife in the other hand, the fish should be slit just behind the head. Then the fish should be flipped over and cut on the stomach in an area parallel to the other cut. These cuts should meet so as to sever the skin completely around the head. Then, simply pull off the skin. The tail section of the blowfish provides a nice chunk of white meat and is the only advisable edible portion.

The best way to cook the blowfish is to bread it and fry it. First a batter of egg should be prepared and the meat dunked in it. Then the fish should be rolled in breadcrumbs. The breaded fish should then be placed in a frying pan which is slightly covered with oil. After browning slightly, the fish should be removed and served. People eating blowfish for the first time will be quite pleased with its taste.

This month marks the best time to get out and catch blowfish. Time of day is not a major factor, but the morning generally provides the most fish. Blows will begin to hit in the early part of the day and keep on biting right through till darkness.



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I T WAS A CLEAR, cool Saturday morning in May. I was fishing my favorite lake. Using chest waders is a real advantage as you can reach those hard-to-get spots that you would normally pass up because of overhanging trees, etc. I carefully waded out to my waist so I would not scare any fish in the area.

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by DON SIMUNEK

THE ART OF PLASTIC WORM FISHING

To my left, a tree jutted out about twenty yards, its branches sticking out of the water. It looked like a great place for bass and pickerel. I was using a homemade five foot ultra-light with a Shakespeare 2052. My spool was filled with 4 lb. test Stren monofilament. I would not advise such light tackle for the beginner. A 6½ foot light to medium action rod, with at least 10 lb. test line would be good.

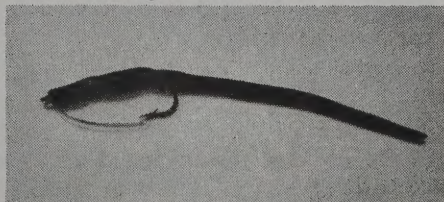
I cast a black weedless worm that fell a little short of the overhanging tree but was still in a good spot. Suddenly, I felt a tapping and the line slowly started to move out. I let the fish run for a slow count of five and then struck with all I had . . . the line went slack. My second cast landed right on target. A second after the worm landed, I saw my line take off for the brush. The fish wasted no time. I let him take it a little longer this time and then struck with all the power my outfit could withstand. The rod arched and I knew I was into something big. He started zinging out my 4 lb. test and all I could do now was hold on! He showed off his acrobatic talents with some great splashes and jumps but I had him hooked good. It was a pickerel which measured out to 24 inches and weighed 3½ lbs. After I weighed and measured him, I carefully released him back into the water to fight another day.

If you've already had success in fishing for bass and pickerel, you know the advantages of plastic worm fishing. For the beginner who has never fished a worm, this article should give you some good tips on how to go about it.

Chest waders are great in fishing waters where boats and rafts are not permitted. Where rafts and boats are permitted, you are better off fishing from a raft. The two man inflatable kind are the best. They cost around \$40.00 with the oars and pump but they really cannot fish two men comfortably. I learned my lesson last summer up in Livingston Manor. I was fishing with a buddy of mine, Kelly Mirchel. We started working the shoreline together. Kelly was using a Johnson Weedless Spoon and I was using my worm. We landed three good

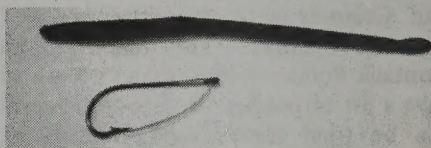
sized bass with some nice pickerel. All of a sudden, I felt something hit my head. Sure enough! It was Kelly's spoon wedged in my scalp. We dashed to the nearest doctor who proceeded to yank the hook out of my head. I never went through such a grueling experience in my life.

Last summer, a friend and I fished one of Maine's bass and pickerel lakes. We were in a cove that never really produced well in my 16 foot skiff. I decided to take out my raft, while my friend fished in the boat. I started working the logs and weeds along the shore. Nearing some lily pads, I cast my black weedless worm in the center of the pads. After the worm had settled to the bottom, I had hardly begun my standard retrieve of bottom bouncing, when I felt some sharp tapping hits at my worm. This type of hit usually signifies a pickerel but the surprise I got about fifteen minutes later was beyond my wildest expectations. After letting the fish play with the worm for about twenty seconds, I decided it was about time to hit. The strike nearly pulled my rod from my hands as the supposedly small pickerel took off for open water. I knew now that this was no small pickerel as a huge bass leaped from the water not ten feet from my raft. After a ten minute battle, I finally managed to reach the lunker's lower lip and flipped the exhausted bass into the raft. After having it officially weighed, I found that my lunker large-mouthed weighed 5¼ lbs.



Six to nine inch worms are the best size, colors to use are blue, purple and black. These worms can be purchased at any tackle shop for about 10 cents apiece. The weedless hooks, on the other hand, are not always easy to find. If your nearest tackle shop does not carry them, write to any well-known sporting goods

store for their catalog. Netcraft at 3101 Silvania Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 53613 sells these hooks. Get sizes 2/0, 3/0 and 4/0. They cost about 15 cents apiece. So, why should you go out and spend \$1.50 for a plug that doesn't work half as well as a weedless worm for about 25 cents. Personally, I don't see it.



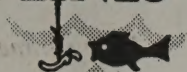
Rigging the worm isn't hard. You simply have to hook it through the head of the worm and come through the egg collar. Set the weedless barb under the hook and you are ready to go.



Unfortunately, you can be in a perfect spot with a weedless worm but if you don't know how to fish it properly, you won't catch a thing. There are a few simple steps to follow in order to be a successful worm fisherman. First of all, you have to be able to cast in a likely spot, a lily pad, log or overhanging tree. After you've made your cast, let the worm sink to the bottom. Put short, sharp jerks in your rod tip. Then let it sink to the bottom again. Your retrieve should be a few jerks and then let it sink. Jerk it - let it sit. You might feel that you have snagged into something . . . don't strike. Put some pressure on the line and feel for a tapping motion. If you feel something, pick it up, let the fish run with it for awhile. Count to ten slowly and then strike with all the pressure your rod can stand, but don't forget to set your drag! The strike is very important. If you don't hit hard enough, you won't set the hook and in turn, won't catch as many fish. It's as simple as that.

If you can master these simple plastic worm techniques, I guarantee you will be catching twice as many bass and pickerel as you ever did before you learned about the bottom bouncing technique. It works. Give it a try!

CHUM LINES



Dear Rich,

I spoke to you regarding Fred Guardineer's statement, "Blowfish livers can be poisonous." I have eaten fish livers for years, and consider them a great delicacy. The only ones I found not overly edible are cod, because of excessive oiliness. The blowfish, for a small fish, has a very large liver. I have eaten many of these, and am still in excellent health. I therefore question the statement in L.I.F., and would be very interested to be advised as to its source and accuracy.

By the way, for a taste treat sometime, save some roe and fish livers. Be sure to remove the bile roe completely. Fry them in a little butter, and enjoy.

Marvin R. Friedman, Haworth, N.J.

We have received many letters such as the one printed above. We have also received several phone calls pertaining to Fred Guardineer's statement that blowfish livers can be poisonous. Some of them agreed with Fred that the livers can in fact be poisonous. Some disagreed and felt the livers were O.K. but the roe was toxic.

To end the argument, we contacted Dick Schaefer of the Flax Pond Marine Laboratory and put the question to him. His reply... Both the liver and the roe can be toxic among other parts of the blowfish. As a matter of fact, the only part of the blowfish that Dick would recommend for consumption is the meaty tail section. He went on to explain how an awful lot of blowfish would have to be eaten before any damage would show however, some people are more readily effected than others, so why chance it. Eat just the tail section and play it safe.

Fred Guardineer was right in his statement, "Blowfish liver can be poisonous," but he was wrong in recommending the roe. Those of you who said that the liver is fine, and those of you who said the roe is fine, if you're going to continue to eat these parts of the blowfish, please send cash when renewing your subscriptions.

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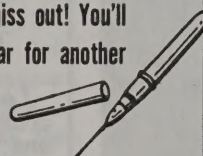
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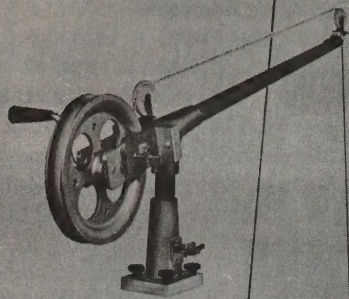
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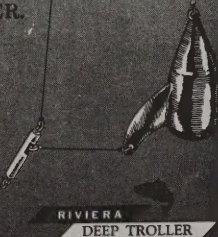
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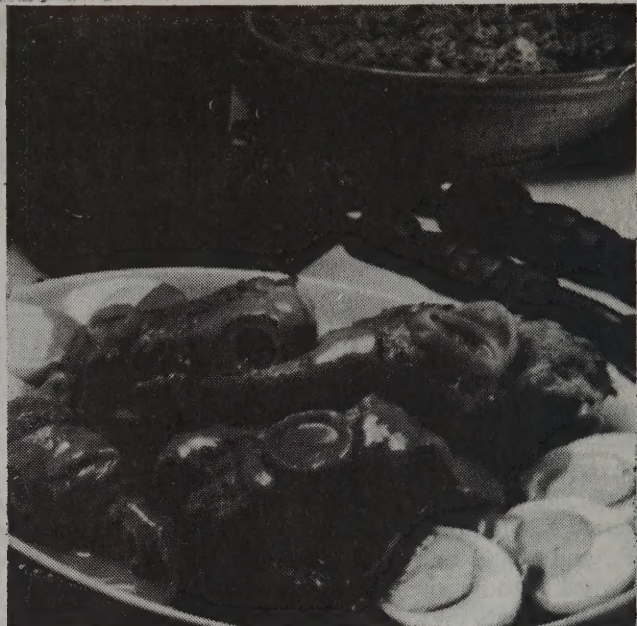
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Fisherman's KITCHEN

BY GENE KOWALSKI



SPICE IS NICE

Firm-fleshed fish combines with readily available chicken to produce exotic curries — that are as economical as they are delicious.

Local food favorites are most often a combination of available ingredients and exotic spices made available by world-wide trade and travel. Take curries, for example. They're great favorites of our island neighbors to the south. The basic ingredients — fish, chicken, etc. — are native. The spices came originally from the Far East, brought to the islands by English settlers. Now curries have become very popular in the U.S., too. Here's an especially delightful curry that uses basic ingredients common to the islands and our own coastal area alike — tasty chickens and small, tender shark.

The firm-fleshed edible sharks are available throughout the summer on our eastern seacoast, and are easy to

catch in the shallow areas having less than 6 fathoms of water. Best known locally are the smooth dogfish (*Mustelus canis*) and the spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*). Both travel in large schools, take a hook readily, and give the light-tackle angler a spirited tussle.

It's simple to prepare these little sharks for the cooking pot. With a sharp fillet knife, remove the head, tail, fins and viscera. Split the fish and remove the cartilaginous spine, the skin, and the streaks of dark meat. (There are no bones.) Cut the flesh into walnut-size chunks or scallops. The meat (like the meat from skates and rays) requires immediate icing, because it is more perishable than other fish.

CURRIED SHARK AND CHICKEN

- 2 broiling chickens, cut up about 6 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped celery (with leaves)
- 2 medium onions, sliced
- generous dash of red pepper (optional — for those who like spicy curry)
- about 4 lbs. dogfish chunks (or other boneless, skinless, white-fleshed fish chunks — cod, striped, tilefish, bluefish, weakfish, or anything else in your fish box)
- 5 cups Creamy Curry Sauce

1. Arrange the cut-up chickens in a large skillet and add just enough water to barely cover them. Add the salt, celery, onions, and the pepper, if you like. Bring to a boil and cook the chickens, covered, for about 25 minutes — until tender, but not falling from the bone. Remove the chickens from the broth and arrange them on a large heated platter. Keep warm in a heated oven.

2. Add the fish to the broth and boil gently for 8 to 10 minutes — until done, but still firm. Arrange the fish on top of the chicken, and return the platter to the oven to keep warm.

3. Make the Creamy Curry Sauce with the chicken/fish broth. (If you have more than 4 cups of broth, boil to reduce; if you have less than 4 cups, add water.) Pour the sauce over the fish and chicken and serve with steamed rice. Side dishes of hot sauce, sliced hard-cooked eggs, peanuts, coconut, and mango chutney are classic accompaniments to curry. Serves 8.

How To Make Creamy Curry Sauce

- ½ cup butter (1 stick)
- ½ cup flour
- 4 cups chicken/fish stock (from the recipe above)
- 1 cup cream or canned milk
- 1 heaping tablespoon curry powder

Melt the butter in a large saucepan over low heat and stir in the flour. Gradually add the broth, stirring all the time. Cook for about 5 minutes. Add the cream and the curry powder, and season to taste with salt and pepper. About 5 cups.

CHUM LINES

WATER SHOW SPECTACULAR

Dear Sirs:

Received my copy of L.I.F. today and read two letters from fishermen about mates throwing garbage overboard. That was sure good advice you gave them about writing to the captains. I don't think you will find those conditions at Captree.

I fish with the Joseph Fleet and I know they have garbage cans all over the boat and they unload their garbage when they get back to the dock.

John Oliveri, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Dear Rich,

As encouraged as we are by the fair showing of fluke this season, we do have one complaint, that is, too many fishermen who obviously don't care are keeping undersized fluke. We realize some of these people don't know any better, but the most damage is being done by the so-called "professional fisherman." We have seen this happen many times but we are sure they are not alone in this practice. Don't these captains relize they are hurting their own future?

As concerned fisherman we would like to know what we can do to rectify this situation. We have tried talking to these people but this does not seem to help. What else can we do?

Ed Eisemann & Jack Petrich,
Hicksville, N.Y.

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Dear Rich,

I just want to report a rare fishing treat.

On Wednesday, 5/24/72, I fished with Captain Clark out of Shinnecock Canal and it was a pleasure. To begin, the mate went to each passenger to help him rig up or see that he was rigged properly. Where necessary, he supplied the correct hooks (no charge). Plenty of the proper bait was supplied and properly hooked up. All day long the mate was all over the place, netting weakfish, preventing or loosening tangles and in general catering to the wants and needs of the fisherman. He, the mate, did not fish.

All this time, Capt. Clark, Sr., was apace topside, making certain that all these things were being done.

Believe me, it was a pleasure to realize that there is at least one 'old timer' left. It would do others good to emulate him and stop treating paying passengers as stupid dopes who don't know how to catch fish while the mate loads up with fish to be sold at the docks.

Artie Reilly, Rosedale, N.Y.

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A two-hour water spectacular will be presented at Kings Plaza on Mill Basin, Avenue U and Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, June 27th to mark the observance of National Safe Boating Week.

Starting at 6:45 P.M. units of Brooklyn Power Squadron, New York City Police and Fire Departments, the U.S. Coast Guard and other organizations will take to sea and air to demonstrate that boating fun and safety go hand in hand. In case of rain, the free Water Show will be postponed to 6:45 P.M., Thursday, June 29th.

Spectators will see a mock rescue by helicopter, staged by the Harbor Police and the Police Aviation Bureau. A Fire Boat will put on an impressive pumper action display, and, Coast Guardsmen from Rockaway Point Station will demonstrate safety procedures and the use of rescue flares.

Brooklyn Power Squadron, local units of United States Power Squadrons, has organized the program with the cooperation of the Kings Plaza Mall Merchants Association, the participating organizations, and local marinas and boating dealers.

National Safe Boating Week, this year from July 2nd to 8th, is an annual reminder to veteran boatmen and novice skippers alike that recreational boating is even more fun if those who engage in it apply boating safety rules and knowledge.

The United States Power Squadrons promote boating safety through education with free classes in boat handling and piloting, open to everyone. Brooklyn Squadron's classes are held at St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street in downtown Brooklyn. Registration for Fall classes will take place on Thursday, September 7th. Call ST 8-9006 for information or call toll-free (800) 243-6000 for classes in your area.

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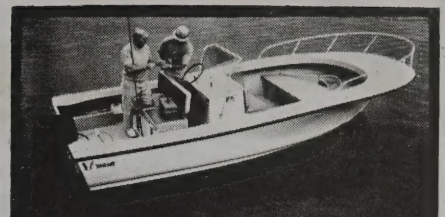
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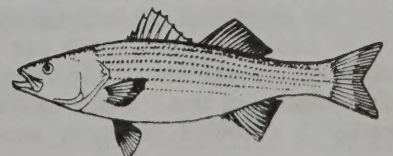
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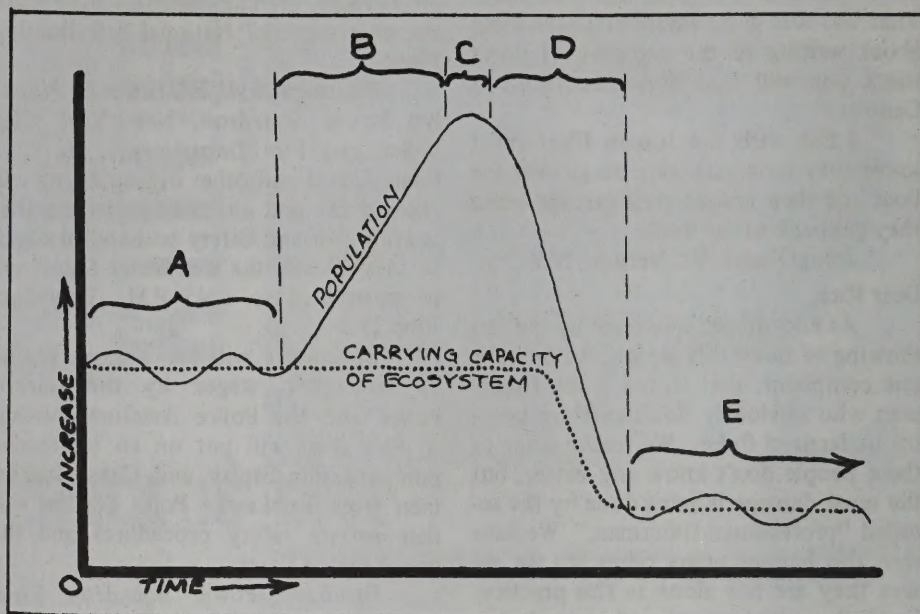
By Tony DiFede

NOW THAT YOU have had time to think about food chains and the importance of preserving them, it's time to move on to another subject. Last time I referred to photosynthesis as a 'life giving process.' More specifically, it is a chemical reaction that occurs in all plants that contain chlorophyll; this includes both land and water species. Very simply, photosynthesis is the means by which plants combine water and minerals from the soil with carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air to make sugar for fuel and growth. The sun supplies the energy for this process. Now that the plant has manufactured sugar, it uses this basic food in combination with oxygen (just like us) to live and grow. That's right, plants use oxygen too.

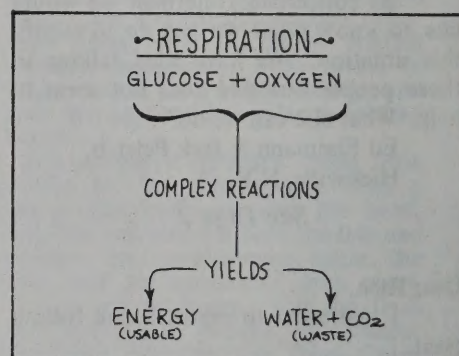
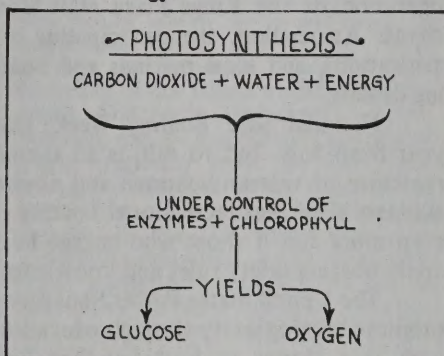
As a matter of fact, almost everything that lives must have oxygen to burn its fuel. Our bodies (like all other animals) cannot manufacture food. We can only break down complex foods like carbohydrates, fats, proteins into simple sugars, fats and acids which can be burned as fuel with oxygen for life and growth. We have no choice but to depend on plants to provide all the food we need to live and to revitalize the air we breathe.

The formulas above show in laymen's terms what photosynthesis and respiration are. Plants carry on both chemical reactions. Animals only carry on respiration. Now remember, there is only so much oxygen available, only so much water available, and only so much nutrient materials (carried by water). These two chemical reactions are the basis for the continuing existence of all life. We have an essentially unlimited source of energy from the sun but we must reuse or recycle the building blocks of all organisms. It's easy to see that if the products of photosynthesis cannot meet the demands of respiration, organisms start dying and continue dying until a balance is achieved once again. If through water and air pollution basic materials are made unusable, photosynthesis cannot occur and subsequently organisms die.

Every ecosystem, be it a square foot of lawn or an entire continent, has what is called a carrying capacity. This means the ecosystem can accommodate only so many organisms and it can recycle necessary nutrients in the soil at a certain maximum rate. If the carrying capacity is exceeded either by excess



This is what happens when you tamper with nature with no regard for Ecology.



population or by an accelerated use of nutrients, three things happen: (1) the population will flourish for a relatively short time; (2) at some point the pollution, over-pollution and overuse of the natural resources result in a rapid decrease in population; (3) the carrying capacity of the ecosystem drops because it has not been able to recycle nutrients and basic materials fast enough. This is illustrated in the graph. The area labeled (A) represents a stable self-perpetuating system. As we developed technology and harnessed and used natural resources we broke from a stable condition to a period of rapid growth (B) which exceeded the carrying capacity of the ecosystem (any metropolitan area is an example of this). At some point in time we will, if we haven't already, encounter serious environmental resistance, labeled (C). Here the population levels off for a short time and then begins a rapid decrease. The carrying capacity also drops,

labeled (D). Finally, depending on how much the environment was damaged, a stable condition (E) is once again achieved but with a much lower population and carrying capacity.

Where we are along this curve is hard to determine. My own opinion is that we as a species are beginning to encounter significant environmental resistance. Doctors have attributed the existence of at least one new disease to a water borne amebic organism that thrives on warm polluted water. We have also read about many deaths directly attributed to air pollution in the U.S. and many European and Asian countries, not to mention Japan's tragic experience some years ago with mercury. Most of the 180 people, mostly children, that were poisoned have died. Some are still alive and suffering.

Next time we'll take a closer look at environmental resistance and what it involves as far as we are concerned.

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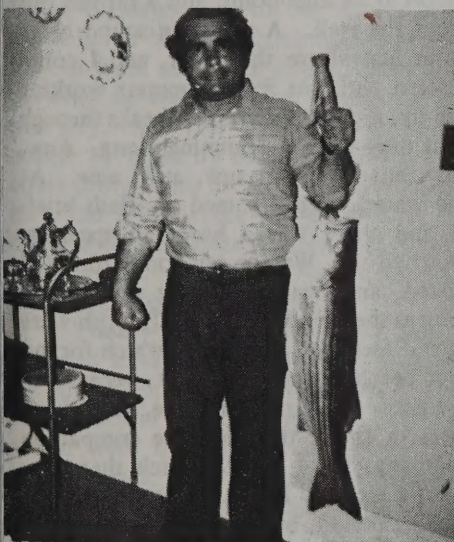
Sirs:

I have been a subscriber to your magazine for over two years and every time you have an article on bass fishing I read it twice over.

I have been fishing for about 6 years and can only count about 8 bass which weren't too big. Bluefish I catch by the hundreds. I am always teased by my friends about the bass, because that is all I talk about, bass fishing, and how I am going to catch my big one, which never comes. I can thank the Long Island Fisherman for the information which you give on bass fishing, because I caught my first big one, 15 lbs., on a Red Fin on Sunday night, May 28, in Greenwich.

I would be so happy if you could please put the picture I am sending you in your magazine, so I can show my teasing friends.

Thank you for all your information.
Louis Viscome, Greenwich, Conn.



Dear Rich:

I become very disturbed when I read your paper and find out about Russian fishing fleets and about other things happening to our waters, so I wrote to James Buckley to find out what they are doing to create a 200 mile limit.

Enclosed is a letter received by me from the office of Mr. Buckley. If you care to reprint it you may. Some others might find it interesting, but after I read it 3 or 4 times, it comes out the same old thing, just politics.

John Kudrick, Wantagh, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Kudrick:

Thank you for your letter concerning creation of a fisheries conservation

zone. I sympathize with the concern you have expressed.

The question of whether to extend our present nine mile contiguous fishing zone to 200 miles is a complex one. While it is possible to do so through legislation, the international ramifications could be great. Such a unilateral action on our part would encourage other nations to do likewise, or even go one better by claiming a 200 mile territorial limit, as some have already done. A territorial limit of such a length would adversely effect the United States' security since enemy missile submarines could easily slip into a neutral nation's waters undetected while necessary surface and air anti-submarine patrolling would be a violation of that neutral nation's sovereignty.

While the unilateral extension to the contiguous fishing zone creates the hazard of a territorial extension by others, there is no question as to the harm that some of the larger fishing fleets - notably those of the Soviet Union - are inflicting on the fish resources of this continent.

Given the nature of this situation, the only lasting agreement which can be effected, and one which will not set off a chain reaction of unilateral claims by other nations, would be an agreement accomplished on a broad international level.

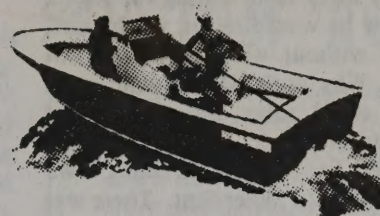
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Sincerely,
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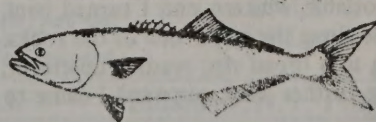
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BOB 'FIN ORE' PEARLMAN had fished some, but deep sea. Then he had to stay away from fishing for several years. Now he would return via the surf, rushing in without waders and with his gold reel. Why not? If the wind held, 'Fin Ore' could make some first casts on this August night; the kind of night that worked for Fire Island Inlet. We would pick up Stu Miller first. There was plenty of time because we had six hours before the tide would fall to the right level for Mosquito Rip at Democrat Point.

So in Stu's home we chatted, with my Martha and Stu's wife Phyllis. We all drank some beer; played with Stu's kids till their bedtime; then we played the Hammond and laughed over things. But sometimes Bob only fidgetted; and sometimes he agonized: "When do we go fishing?"

The time isn't right. A little while longer.

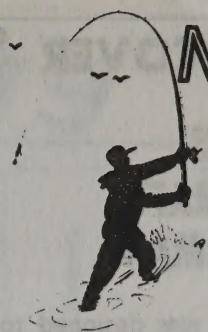
A thunderstorm let loose at about midnight, and Bob thought it was all over. Don't worry; the rain's a good thing in August . . . But after the storm passed, I felt a final tension stretching through Bob's hot impatience. He needed to hear my "Let's go."

So we eased off in my rotten Ford Bronco through the dark sultry night. Bob, 'Bad Winds' Miller, Martha and I; even though it was too soon for Mosquito Rip.

Now this is why that rip was called 'Mosquito Rip' (and also why poor Bob had to wait . . .) - Once there had been a delightful spot where a little pond's creek poured bait into the inlet. This was much east of Democrat Point's rock wall. Days at that creek-spot found fluke, sunset and dawn and nights found small blues and schoolies, and an occasional biggy for which you would need at least a 9-foot sturdy rod because of the powerful current giving any fish quite an edge. At this spot, tide didn't seem to matter as much as those aforementioned times (like sunset; or at night). Yet it really peaked at any time if the bait was drawn out by the last of the falling tide.

But by 1969 that creek-spot was erased by winter storms, or something. The coastline had so changed that I was forced to trudge along further west to work along that barbarous rock wall at the Point, more frequently than I used to.

One night I footed it past the damned rock wall (that has killed at least one surferman that I know of) and from its negotiable western end I turned back to wade along the water-side of the rocks. Casting to a broad rip; wading upstream; pushing further back eastward I came to



MOSQUITO RIP

By Vince Guaglianone



a depth right by the rocks: too deep to continue. My side of this drop was a soft sand-hump. This was what I had sought in the dark: the head of the broad-rushing rip. Smoothly the fast ebb ran into the sandbar that leaned out from the submerged hump. Tumbling over the bar the rip-water thusly commenced; its darkness visibly darker than the night. There was no Solunar feeding period listed for this time. But, swat . . . swat. Mosquitoes. Yet I casted through the cloud of them. Swat-swat. Just here, the rock wall behind me was higher and so it cut off the breeze from behind me (southwest). Just here all the hugest mosquitoes in the world found my bare face and hands. Just here a bass ran off with the floater Rebel, and broke away while I went swat, swat. Second cast: a repeat. Then I lost no time in escaping from Mosquito Rip. (It had looked like the ebb's last two hours.)

Armed regretfully with bug-spray, I returned to Mosquito Rip through several summer nights and, after experimenting through the tidal stages I caught fish mostly on the ebb's last two hours. Prior to this stage the current was so forceful that proper presentation of any plug was impossible. The current did slow around the tide's brim, but I'd not found many fish at high stages at Mosquito Rip. And the rip itself never really formed up until those last two hours of the ordinary ebb. Yet when I tried to work it here during moon-strong periods, the water was really impossible till the last of a tide, in or out.

Often I was skunked after all that walking, but summer nights along the inlet are beautiful . . .

Some nights it happened differently. I mean that the ebb's last two hours had the rip, but neither stripers nor the wretched mosquitoes. And though there was the usual bait, the spearing seemed loose and easy gliding by. Almost typical of these few nights was one with a quarter moon, the moon that makes weakest water. But the moon of this night was rising. Eerily, there was hardly a hint of

life on the breeze of this night; scarcely the huzz and cadence of the insect-thousands in the reeds behind the rock wall. Trying some casts in the workable water, I snagged a spearing. I leaned the rod against a rock and sat down waiting while the moon rose higher. When the moon had a bit more to go before it would reach its highest point in the sky for that night, I suddenly had to swat again. More horrid 6-12 chemicals I patted on my hands and face. The insects really began to sound off behind me. I picked up my rod from the rock. The moon at its high-point, and a rat ran out from the wall. A whishing sound came from just above the water, and I could discern three or four skimmers working the rip, dipping their curved beaks through it as they winged skimming along. Auw, auw, auw-auw auw-auw, auw, auw. At the water's edge I shined my flash briefly and there was a horde of spearing. bunched up. Wading out some 20 feet I casted, and heard the song of my reel soon as the plug hit the rip. The fish were in and feeding . . . I had to watch for my first beached one that night, because of the active rodents behind me. The skimmers in front, though more compatible company, yet I had to watch that they not fly into my line . . . It was a Solunar feeding period, but a minor one. So after about fifty minutes though the ebb-rip was still good, though I heard bass slapping by and I worked it longer wading downstream now and casting along the rip, and moving on to the blunt 'Point' and into the crashing surf: yet it was over. The moon had passed its highest arc above, and wild nature quieted. Of course, I've not found every Solunar period so pronounced as this: nor have I caught teen and 20-pound bass during every such period. Sometimes I catch nothing at all during moon-up, or moon-down . . .

August came. It might have been unlucky that my friend Bob found time for his first casts only in August. Others may not have been skunked by the 'casting-doldrums,' but in August 1969

many were. Yet, for Fin Ore's first night, even though it might be crowded on this Friday night, I was sure of Mosquito Rip, sure of the sw wind against the current, sharpening the rip; sure of the Solunar Major feeding period (about two hours long) and in combo with the last of the ebb made extra powerful by the thinnest crescent moon (a new moon period).

And the bait sounded like rain at the dark edge when we got there. Martha would not pat on 6-12, so she took a bass on her first cast well before we reached the rip-head; then she went back to curl up in the truck to sleep out of the mosquitos ("... not worth it for schoolies.") Stu took his first weakfish ever. Bob got his first bass ever, a schoolie; but no bluefish. (Fin Ore has since become an incorrigible caster, with waders; not wanting to repeat how he sloshed out over the snadbar in sneakers that night.) Stu got three schoolies up to a 7-pounder that was gnawed later by a rat (unless it was the bluefish which took out a chunk from the caught striper while it struggled in the water). I got two schoolies: damn it, they were all schoolies though we fished till dawn gave us the turn of tide and a horde of noisy dumb boats streaming out from under the Moses Bridge and between us and the Sore Thumb across the way. Oh yes, Stu and I had also nailed 17 blues up to 5 pounds till the boats drove them off. Oh yes, two other men and a boy there, staggered away at dawn with their dozens, blues, schoolies, a few weaks; on 5½ inch Rebels, and big Alous chomped by the blues.

Twenty-four hours later Stu and I returned alone to Mosquito Rip, and we did the same. Martha was right, only schoolies and punk-choppers. But the action went on past the sunrise and on surface plugs. The tide and the Solunar Major, both coincidentally synonymous this week, were advanced about an hour later. But sunrise is a feeding period any way. Yet when that comic-nauseating parade of Weekend Skippers built up to a continuous drone of engines over the water, the blues suddenly vanished though the strong ebb still tumbled fiercely by bait-filled.

My father had been unable to accompany us. His first opportunity for Mosquito Rip was the following weekend. He insisted that I take him to the spot. Said he: "Never mind West End... What 'White Shack' (at Jones Beach)? Why every time I can go fishing, you want me to walk and walk?" But the tidal stage at this time would be flooding all night, turning down at dawn. This meant 'the spot' (Mosquito Rip) would not really not exist for dad. But, didn't I want to

take him to 'the spot'? So my first weakfish, 3 lbs. 4 ozs. was all that was caught and right at high water at dawn, on a blue Alou II.

The following winter, 1970, the inlet coast changed even more. Mosquito Rip filled up with sand; and Democrat Point formed up the way it was throughout '70 and '71; and still is now. But the summer of 1970 a very experienced couple caught dozens of bass up to 30-pounders near old Mosquito Rip: but now at high tides mostly! The best was at sunset and in the new-moon period. On worms first, then switching to the Shorty Hopkins which nailed the 30-pounders.

Good Walter and Cathy were unable to do it again in 1971, though they worked at it hard; and though others got fish in the 30-pound class, maybe 100 yards from where they were casting one night, out of many nights.

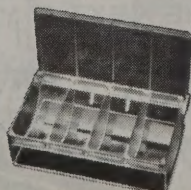
Mosquito Rip is gone now. Even if I kenw where the best spot was now, I'd not tell you because I like to be able to talk to Catherine and Walter when we meet on the beaches.

But the ever-changing coast of Fire Island Inlet must always have its secrets. This is the time to start trying to learn them. From now, through the summer, a good portion of Long Island's lunker bass (perhaps the last ones?) will course through the Inlet feeding on the pleanteous bait. (I hope the baitfishes will be pleanteous again. Their arrival is also quite late this year.)

Walking is the best way for surfmen to fish this coast. From now on the worthless Ford will remain int he parking field. (You need to get a fisherman's night-parking pass)... Remember that week-nights are best because there is less boat traffic, and also less clam-chumming at the bridge. Optimum is a mid-week night; the ebb tide; the sw wind (easterlies make weed); the strong moons: full or new moons, but not the very night of the new moon because of the phosperous (and be careful about your shadow over the water under the full moon). Regard the submerged undulating bank of the

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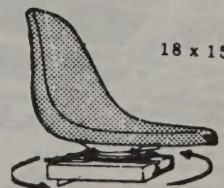
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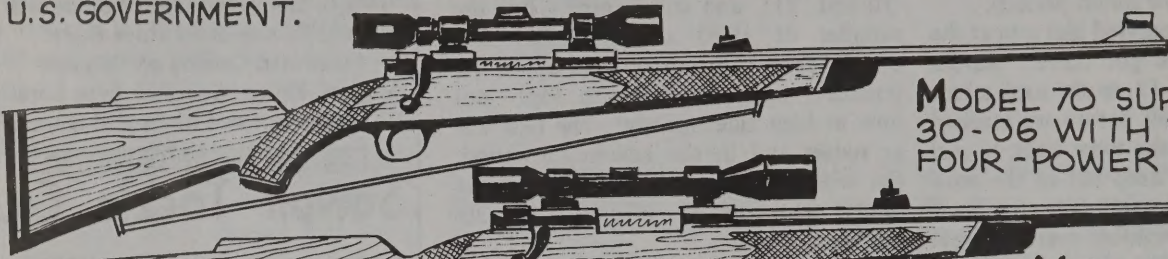
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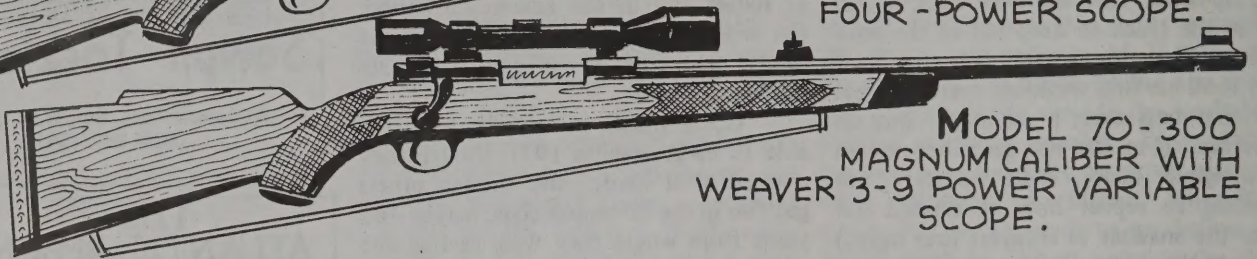
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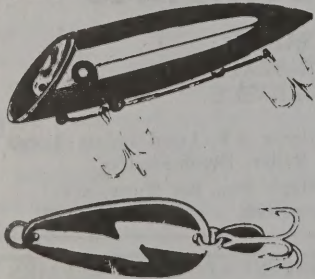
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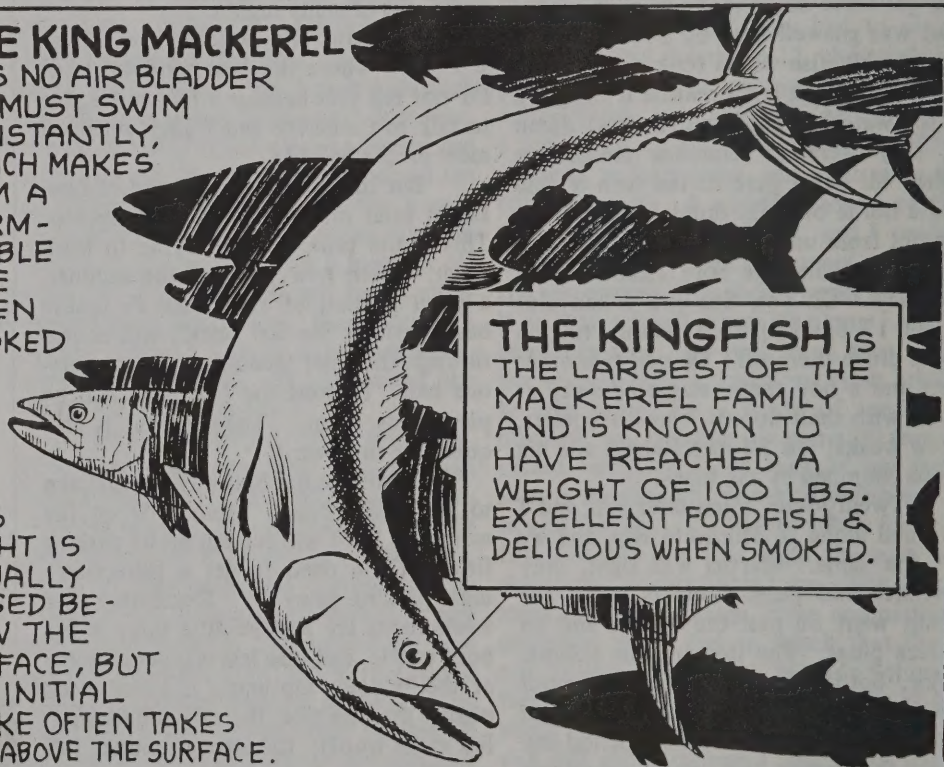
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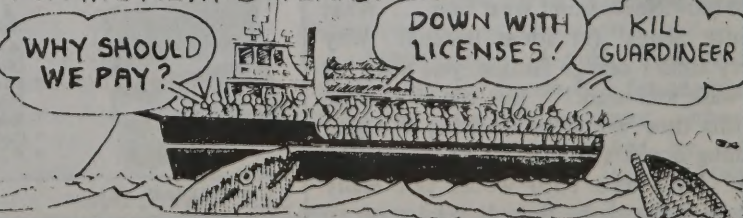


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drop-off, which at dead low becomes in spots the very shore's edge. Bass snake right along or hover in a rip by this bank. This is most like fishing a river, so don't forget the lateral cast, as well as the diagonal.

Do not neglect surface plugs for blues at dawn here. Poppers, pencils, spooks, and best if they are made by you out of wood. Fluke at dawn and dusk on tiny Kastmasters. A bigger Kastmaster for bass can also drag out a bigger fluke; or sea robin; or sandshark. Weakks will go for the Rebel-type swimmers at night. And finally, I've even caught North Atlantic herring on the good old No. 3 Hopkins. You may want to include a big darter for this strong water; a big Alou, or Tri-Fin Whiptail; and a big Hopkins if you plan to see some daylight during your trek.

Include also the bug-spray. Don't be too quick about going on those rocks if you're not wearing waders (and if you're not wearing waders you can get mosquito-punctured through the trousers). Include especially patience. And include something that perhaps you cannot entirely give to yourself: the prior inclination to enjoy just being out there on a summer night by that clear fast water. Nowadays, it is no small thing for a person to enjoy being this close to a remnant piece of wilderness for a time; to enjoy this 'outmoded' part of fishing that involves a bit of exercise, but no sonar; no "squeezing clam bellies" (as Don Miller once described that chumming); no multiple-tube rigs; and no need to bring back such a quantity of fish as could be sold to the Fulton Fish Market. You must be past that stage, if you want to work Fire Island affot; and luckier if you never needed that stage. And even if you caught that many fish, you could never carry them back. Unless you're crazier than I am. Which I doubt.



Hudson River Report

Hudson River striper anglers can thank the rainfall throughout the spring for the extended striper season on the River. Although the larger fish of over 20 lbs. are now few and far between, schoolies and fish into the teens are being caught at the mouths of the freshwater creeks leading into the Hudson. White perch are abundant almost everywhere, with some reaching the 2 pound mark. Catfish and carp fishing will soon reach its peak and many shore anglers are awaiting the coming of the blue claw crabs which have been reported in the lower river.

CLAVERACK

Striper fishing has slowed down this past week, reports Everett Nack of Nack's Tackle Shop. The best fishing now is at the lighthouse at Roger's Island and the Middle Grounds flats. One 13½ pounder was reported and there is lots of surface activity as schools chase bait fish. Ray Roberts had a good week taking over 20 fish in the 2 to 3 pound class. Rapalas and yellow bucktails have been the best lures, with silver shiners working best in the bait category. Most stripers are taken on the outgoing tide and the Roeliff Jansen and Columbia Creeks are two other hotspots. Roeliff Jansen Creek is an excellent spot for smallmouth further up stream and each year bass of better than 5 pounds are taken. This is a good area to try now that New York's bass season is opening. "Norlunge," a cross between a Northern Pike and a Muskie, have been stocked in nearby Kinderhook Lake and fish to 15 pounds are being caught.

WAPPINGERS FALLS

The B & M Bait Shop reports stripers are still being taken in mid-river areas. Stripers up to 11 pounds are coming in from Dennings Point and Castle Port Creek with bucktails accounting for most catches. Catfishing is reaching a peak and cats of 8 to 10 pounds are being weighed in at the bait shop. Most are caught on garden worms but chunks of killies or herring would be best.

VERPLANCK

Stripers are still around in good numbers at Popolopen Creek and Foundry Cove, reports Charlie White of Ace & Charlie's Tackle Shop. Most are schoolie size and few go larger than 4 pounds. Outgoing tide and pink or yellow bucktails are the magic combination. Bloodworms are also taking stripers but the tremendous amount of white perch usually means stolen bait. Catfishing is good to excellent with chunks of herring producing the bragging size fish but garden or sandworms also work well. Few is any people are trying for sturgeon, yet Charlie says this is the prime season right now and the chance of landing one of these ancient fish is excellent. He recommends using typical party boat tackle and drifting off Stony Point with a 1/0 treble weighted with a 2 to 3 ounce sinker and baited with chunks of baitfish or grass shrimp. Hudson River fishermen occasionally take big 50 pound sturgeon by accident and larger fish are taken by netters. Big carp are starting to show at Ansville Creek by Peekskill and are taken on dough balls, corn and home made "stink baits."

CROTON POINT

Richie Ferris of Croton Bait & Tackle says that stripers are still found in the Croton River with one fisherman, Stan Drezek, weighing in a 16½ pounder. There is plenty of water coming over the Croton Dam to assure good fishing for a while

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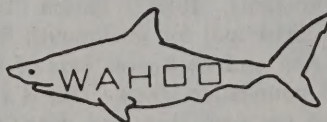
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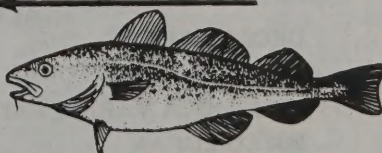
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OSSINING

Perch and catfish are the main fish now being caught by shore anglers at Crawbuckie Beach, Scarborough and Tarryton, reports Tony's Bait & Tackle of Ossining. Some stripers are falling for yellow bucktails cast from the rocky beach just below Sing-Sing and bass of 6 to 8 pounds have been weighed in. Out at Teller's Point, schoolie bass are mixed in with perch and one fisherman trolling a worm and spinner rig along the

sandy reef took one striper of 4½ pounds. Gary Ronser of Suffern didn't do as well as last week but did have two stripers of 3 lbs. and 7¼ lbs., also trolling the worm rig.

FORT LEE

Perch, eels and catfish are the most common fish at the Palisades Interstate Park in Englewood Cliffs and Alpine. Some fishermen are also taking short stripers of less than 18 inches, the legal limit for New Jersey. Up in Piermont, Mike Anderson took eleven stripers on plastic worms up to 2 pounds. At the end of the pier, anglers are doing very well on white perch, big eels and catfish. Across the river, at teh Spuyten Duyvil, white perch up to 1½ pounds are giving beach fishermen plenty of action. Pieces of bloodworm on No.4 hooks are the best bait.

North Shore Reports

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported that bass fishing off of Hart's Island has developed into the best action of the season. Bass up to 20 pounds are

being caught at a good pace. Sal Come-rieico and Mike Luggiero of City Island caught 14 bass there last Friday up to 16 lbs. On Sunday, they returned to catch 20 more stripers up to 20 lbs. All their action was produced on Rebel lures and mackerel strip baits. Blackfishing remains good locally. Weakfishing is still spotty most everywhere. There have been no reported bluefish catches yet.

BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Fishing Station reported that everyone is still drying out after last week's rain. Mike reported that most of the action is still taking place along the Centre Island Reef. Black and weakfishing was moderate there last week. A few porgies are mixed in with these fish. The striped bass fishing remains slow for the season.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Harry Powles of Vets Fishing Station reported that weakfish, stripers and blacks are located along harbor and beach areas. The fish are still with us despite the weather, the same weather that kept most anglers at home last weekend. There have been no reported bluefish catches for the Cold Spring Harbor area this season.

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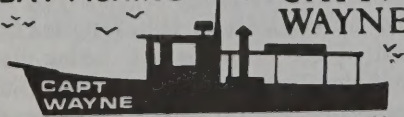
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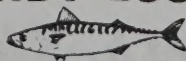
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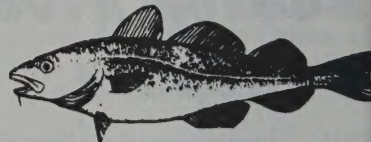
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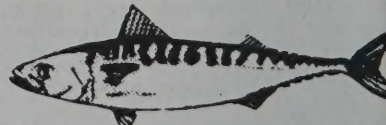
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James Winniefield, of Brooklyn, with just some of the porgies and weakfish which he caught at the South Race. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

Gerome Foote of Levittown with a 37 lb. 8 oz. striper caught in the State Channel. Photo courtesy of Kwak's Tackle Shop.

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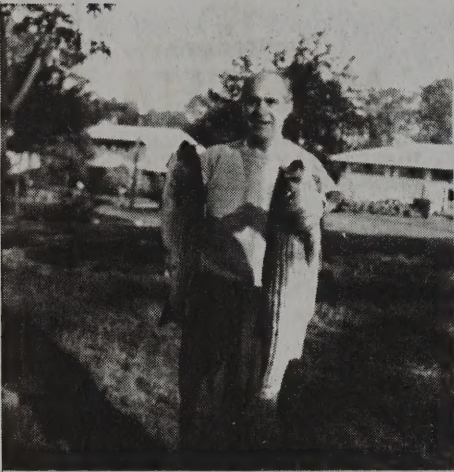
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North Shore Reports



Angelo DeMeo of Glen Cove with two of seven stripers up to 17 lbs. which he caught along the Glen Cove shoreline.

NORTHPORT

Les Bunce of the Chainlocker Bait & Tackle reported that weakfishing was very good throughout the Northport area last week. Weaks up to 6 pounds were caught on shrimp lures, squid baits and diamond jigs. Blackfishing remains productive most everywhere. Both bass and bluefishing remains spotty.

SMITHTOWN

George of Beacon On The Sound reported that blackfishing at the 'Mansion' and the 'Brick Yard' has been very good. At the Nissequogue River, both bass and blues are being caught. Blues are being trolled and bass are being taken while drifting worms. Last week, bass up to 25 lbs. were caught there. A few weakfish are starting to show, however, action in general remains spotty. Porgy fishing at the Mansion remains spotty.

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. John Fischer, skipper of the Betty W, reported that on Saturday they had fairly good bottom fishing on blackfish and sea bass. "The sea bass fishing was excellent and saved the day for us. On board on Saturday was the Lighthouse Fishing Club. The pool winner was 16 year old Bobby Rodick with a 4 lb. sea bass."

PORT JEFFERSON

Pete Ferraro of Plaza Sporting Goods reported that Frank Lober of Centereach caught fifteen striped bass up to 10 lbs. on worms at Mount Sinai. Frank Abraham of Rocky Point used a sandworm to land a 10 lb. 1 oz. blackfish near Rocky Point.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Fishing Station reported that large blackfish and a few bass are being caught along Miller Place. Small bass and weakfish are mixed along beach areas. There have been no reported bluefish catches for the area. Porgy fishing remains spotty and for the most part erratic.

NEW SUFFOLK

Sal Loria of Captain Marty's Fishing Station reported that blues are being caught in fair numbers along the Shelter Island area. The best action is located at the Middlegrounds. The best bet for anglers fishing the New Suffolk area on the weekend is still weakfishing. Both blackfishing and porgy fishing is off and remains spotty.

SOUTHOLD-ORIENT POINT

Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported that blues up to 5 lbs. are being caught by Buoy 17. Blues are being jigged there on 6 oz. diamond jigs. Howard Quarty and Norman Waterhouse of Greenport caught 73 blues to 5 lbs. while fishing there last weekend. Weakfishing was poor last week due to the weather. Blackfishing remains very good at the Greenport Jetty and Orient Point. Porgies are around, however, this action is slow. For some reason or another, bass fishing remains slow for this area. "Good fishing can be had here. I wish we could have a break in the weather."

South Shore Reports

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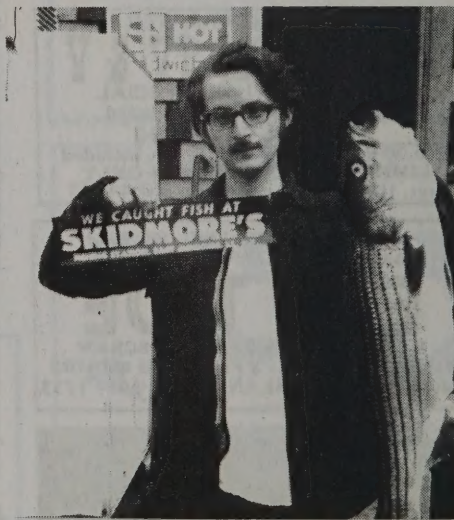
Captain Paul Forsberg, skipper of the Viking Star, reported that during the week, codfishing was excellent off Coxes Ledge. Anglers are getting a mixed bag of pollack and cod. The pool fish on these trips are in the 30 and 40 lb. class.



Mike Perez of N.Y.C. and Paul Oken of New Jersey with a 54 lb. cod and 56 lb. hake caught at Coxes Ledge. Photo courtesy of the Viking Star.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the Capt. Clark, reports that weakfishing is excellent west of Robins Island and Nassau Point. Ed Trapp and wife had 29 weaks up to 4 lbs. On Saturday and Sunday, the fishing was good. Lou Rossow was high hook on Saturday with 23 weaks. Kingfishing is improving daily. The porgy fishing is picking up also.



John Della Gatta of Lake Ronkonkoma with a 13 lb. 8 oz. striper caught in East Moriches. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

South Shore Reports

SAG HARBOR

Ed Jacobsen of the Noyac Marina reports bluefish have started to show at the ferry slip. Rick and Al Romatowski of Noyack caught 50 good sized blues at this area on feathered lures. The weakfishing has been holding its own for the last week. Red Buback and Bob Williams of Queens caught 80 weaks from 1½ to 3 lbs. at the Monestary on sandworm baits. Jim Ashley, Jurry Petzold and Ken Lundin of Forest Hills caught 45 weaks up to 4 lbs. at the Monestary also.

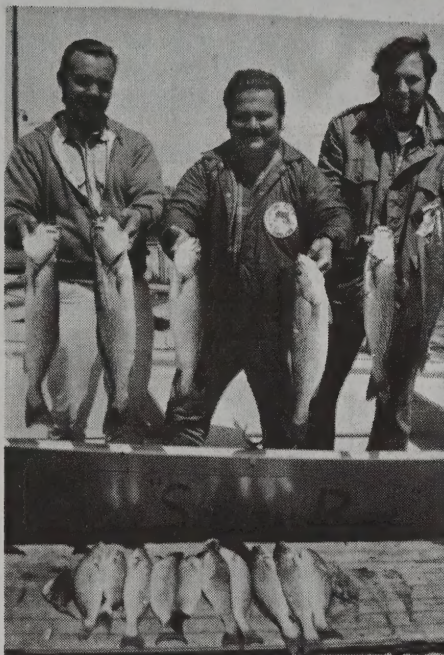
HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reported that fluke fishing is good. Even when you throw back the small ones (14 inches is the smallest keeper) you still can have a good day's fishing. Flounder fishing is still good. The place to fish is around Buoy 18, also east of the Ponquogue Bridge to the inlet. There were some blues taken, the largest was about 6 lbs. Sunday's weather made things a little slower, however, whoever braved the rain came back with fish. Fluke from 2 to 5 lbs. and flounder up to 1¼ lbs. were taken. Worms are taking the flatties and killies and spearing are taking fluke.

MORICHES

Bob Seifert of the Silly Lily Fishing Station tells us that a couple of blues, 6 to 8 lbs., were taken while fishermen trolled for fluke. The fluke that are being taken are running from 2 to 4 lbs. Anglers

are using killies, spearing and squid. The fluke are being caught in the old inlet channel going down east of Buoy 39. The first two hours of outgoing tide and the first two hours of the incoming tide are best.



Bob Ardelt, Danny Ginsberg and Conrade Karle of the Bronx with some of the weaks they caught on the west side of Browns Creek Jetty. Photo courtesy of the South Bay Fishing Station.

MORICHES

Ben Tadsen of Tadsen's Fishing Station reported that the fluke fishing looks very promising at the new cut in the bay. There are quite a few throwbacks though. Flounder fishing is still very good but most the people ignore them because of the excellent fluke action. The weakfishing has slowed down.

MORICHES

Joe of the Shoreline Marina reported that a 20 lb. bass was trolled at the mouth of the inlet by Warren Udell. Weakfishing is spotty. Flounder fishing is still holding on and fluke fishing is your best bet. The fluke run from 2 to 4 lbs. and are hitting squid and killies. The weaks Joe saw came from the town dock and weighed in at 1¼ to 2 lbs. If anyone is interested, blues up to 10 lbs. were caught at the mouth of the inlet. It seems the blues are beginning to show in better numbers.



(Left to right) Mate Bob Foly, Pat Evans of Massapequa and Marty Rapecis of Massapequa with four stripers up to 35 lbs. Photo courtesy of Ron Lepper, skipper of the charter boat Kim.

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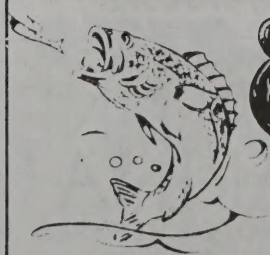
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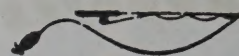
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Bob Passando and Ralph Kuhland with 37 fluke caught in the new cut at Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of the Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.



Al Reise and Charles DeBartolo with 22 weakfish caught at Jessups Neck. They ranged in size from 2 1/4 lbs. to 4 1/4 lbs. They fished from Noyac Marina.



(Left to right) Capt. Fred Bayer, with Mr. and Mrs. Rutkowski of Manhattan with striper to 22 lbs., caught at Plum Gut. Photo courtesy of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

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South Shore Reports

WEST SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reported that despite the bad weather over the weekend, fishing was good. On Saturday, the anglers that went out around Heckscher did a fine job on the weaks and fluke. Otto Bezler of Maspeth had 55 weaks, the largest weighing 4½ lbs. Buoys 30 and 4 were the places to drift and the Salty Dog Shrimp lure accounted for most of the fish. Ben DeClara of Sayville came in with a string of fluke (about 10 fish). On Sunday, the last man in, Danny Taugh of Queens, decreased the weakfish population by 35. We know of one 5 pounder that won't be caught by anyone else. The hotspots that are working now and are coming into their own are Brown's Creek Jetty and Buoys 30 and 4. Look for blacks, weaks, fluke and kingfish.

CAPTREE

Capt. Rod Westerlind, skipper of the Capt. Rod, reports that they had some tough fishing due to the weather. "We managed to get some decent catches of fluke between the inlet and bridge."

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the Capt. Litwin, reports fishing was pretty good even though they didn't have good weather. The pool fish on Sunday was 6¼ lbs. Some anglers had 6 and 7 fluke per man while others had only one, and still others didn't catch any. "We are seeing a lot of shorties (fish under 14" in length). We get some weakfish mixed in with the fluke on just about every trip."

BABYLON

Jean Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle reported that the blues are offshore in about 80 ft. of water. James Meyer of West Islip weighed in a 13 lb. 12 oz. blue taken near the Lightship Buoy. There is excellent fluke fishing in the State Channel between Fox Creek and the Babylon Cut. The inshore artificial reef off Fire Island has some excellent blackfishing. The weakfish are still around in numbers but their size has diminished somewhat. The best area for these fish is off Ocean Beach on Fire Island. Angelo Salese of Babylon took a 23 lb. striped bass from the surf at Cedar Beach on squid baits. Blowfish, eels and a few weaks are being caught from the docks.

LINDENHURST

John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reported some good news for the blue fishermen. Four blues up to 10 lbs. were taken outside on a charter trolling an umbrella rig and also a spoon. Closer to home, we have very good fluke fishing. You can ask Mrs. Minnie Martens of Lindenhurst. She caught some nice fluke up to 6½ lbs. in the State Channel on Friday. John has seen blackfish up to 4 lbs. If you want grass shrimp for weak or bass fishing, Charlie has them for you. Charles Feshett, a past winner in our L.I.F. Contest, caught his first tuna of the season on Wednesday. He was fishing in 180 ft. of water, which is 35 miles out at 160 degrees, aboard his boat "Three Daughters."

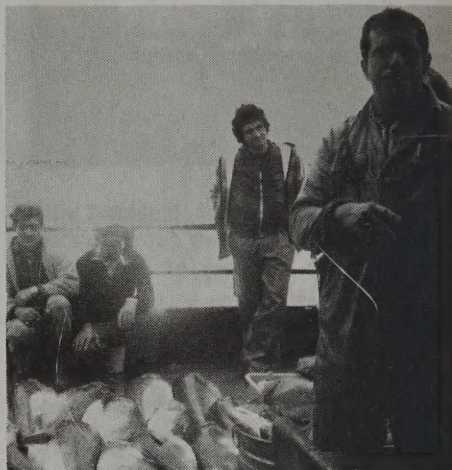
SEAFORD

Dell of Dell's Fishing Station reported the fluke fishing is good from the 2nd bridge to the Four Corners. John DiMaio and Richard Habestol came in with five nice fluke. Dell went out fishing on Saturday night with Dick Sharra and Joe Chiarelli. They fished aboard the Falcon at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Drifting sandworms brought them 28 weakfish and Dell boated a 35 lb. 1 oz. bass which took the sandworm baited hook at about 2 A.M.

BELLMORE

George Kwak of Kwak's Tackle Shop reported that big striped bass are being caught in good numbers anywhere from Zachs Bay to the Jones Inlet. Joe Topf weighed in three fish, 33¼ lbs., 37¼ lbs. and 46 lbs. Vito Piazza of North Babylon caught one bass of 44¼ lbs. Jerry Foote of Levittown had six stripers weighing 25 to 44 lbs. Frank Ennis came in with the largest of all the striped bass caught during this bonanza, a 53 lb. 2 oz. lunger bass. Frank also had one of 28¼ lbs. Most of these fish were caught on bunker. A large school of bunker moved into the inlet last week and has been there since. The fishermen are snagging the bunker and then they drift them in the channels. All the bass were caught during the night hours. This general area is good when the tide is moving out during the night hours. George Gombar and Mike O'Neil boated 10 fluke, the largest going 6¼ lbs. The action is good at the Jones piers and in the bay. Weaks are being taken on shrimp and sandworm baits and by employing a cork float. It's best if you chum with grass shrimp or ground bunker. If

you establish a good amount of weaks in your chum slick, you can catch them with the Salty Dog Shrimp lure. All the deep holes and channels are good for the weaks.



Ted Zanas and Frank Romero of Queens with some of their "Andrea Doria" caught cod. That's mate Howie Aronowitz on the side. Photo courtesy of the Peconic Queen II.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reported that striped bass fishermen are doing well under the bridges on clam chum. Most of these fish are in the 30 lb. class and not many medium weight fish are taken at all. The fluke fishing has been very good for keeper size fish. Roy Cox of Wantagh had 6 good sized fluke drifting his boat under the 2nd bridge. Flounder are being caught in the deep holes. Kingfishing is slow.

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's Star Stream, reported that on Saturday and Sunday they bottom fished for ling, blackfish and sea bass. "We picked up a few blues, but nothing to really speak of. Maybe with some luck they will show this week."

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White, skipper of the Angler II, reported that the bluefish were southeast of the inlet at the Mud Hole, Barnegat and the Acid Waters. "These fish aren't at these areas in any great numbers but we managed to get our share. The local bottom fishing is good on blackfish, sea bass and ling. This Friday and Saturday the Angler II will head for the Hudson Canyon for tilefish. Even in bad weather, these fish always seem to bite."

CLUB NEWS

On 6/4/72 the Huntington Anglers Club held a blackfish contest among members and friends with the following results:

1st: Karl E. Saalmuller, 5 lb. 10 oz. blackfish.

2nd: Andy Hoffman, 4 lb. 12 oz. blackfish.

3rd: Mark Saalmuller, a junior member, 4 lb. 10 oz. blackfish.

Coming in 4th with a 4 lb. blackfish was Joe McMenomen, who also had a 2 lb. 12 oz. sea bass.

Getting back to junior members, I think it would be a very good idea if all fishing clubs had junior members. At least the parents would know where their children are and breaking them in young, the kids will never forget their experience.

We are a very active club with over 100 members and there isn't a month that we don't have some activity or contest in our club or with other clubs. I hope other clubs start the junior membership rolling.

Dan Marro, Publicity Chairman

WORLD'S RECORD SEA BASS

A record 6 lb. Sea Bass was caught by Ruth Sirotkin of Babylon. Ruth was competing in the Babylon Tuna Club's Annual Ladies Day - Anything Goes Tournament when she boated the sea bass. The sad fact is that after weighing the fish in at Augie's Bait & Tackle in Babylon, she went home and had it for supper. Without a photo of the catch, it cannot be accepted into the International Gamefish Record Book (Women's Division).

The current record for the women's 12 lb. line class is a 2 lb. 8 oz. sea bass caught off Block Island by Mrs. C. Shanks.

HUDSON RIVER FISHING GUIDE

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association has been selling the guide as a dollar donation item in order to raise funds for court costs accumulated by taking polluters to court, and for biological reports, to determine the full extent of the Con Ed Indian Point Striper Kills.

If you are interested in joining this organization, or if you would like to purchase a copy of this fishing guide, please write to the HRFA Chapter nearest you: Hudson River Fishermen's Association, New Jersey Chapter, P.O. Box 67, Demarest, N.J. 07627, or New York Chapter, Box 725, Ossining, N.Y. 10562.

CASTING TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 25th, the Outcasts Fishing and Casting Club will hold their 3rd annual surf distance casting tournament (rain or shine) at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

It will be held on Staten Island at the junction of Richmond Avenue and Arthur Kill Road; you will see the open field. This junction can be seen on most any good road map. This event is sanctioned by The Association of Surf Angling Clubs.

The three events are:

REVOLVING SPOOL: A standard salt water surf casting reel. Line: Use any line you wish, but it must be tied directly to the sinker (no leaders or shockers). Rod: 10.5 feet maximum (this rule will be overlooked if the user is a novice). Four ounce sinker supplied.

SPINNING: Use any standard surf spinning reel. Line: Same as above. Rod: 11.5 feet maximum (this rule will be overlooked if the user is a novice). Sinker: Two ounce sinker supplied.

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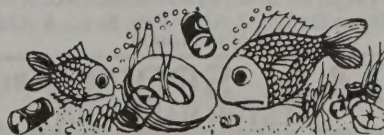
Children under 16 can cast for free and are eligible for prizes. All other casters pay a \$3.00 entry fee per event. This helps defray the cost of running the tournament.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes in all categories. This includes class A,B, and C. This gives all casters a better chance to win a prize. We have trophies for the winning clubs also.

This tournament is for club teams as well as individuals. You need five men if you would like to cast as a team.

On behalf of the Outcasts Fishing and Casting Club, I would like to thank the following for helping make our tournament possible: Atom Manufacturing Co., Berkley & Co., Frank Braddick Tackle Shop, Daiwa Corp. Garcia Corp., Long Island Fisherman, Al Matthews, Quick Corp.

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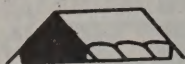
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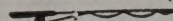
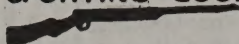
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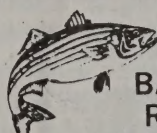
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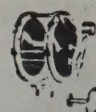
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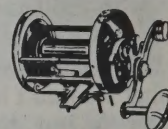
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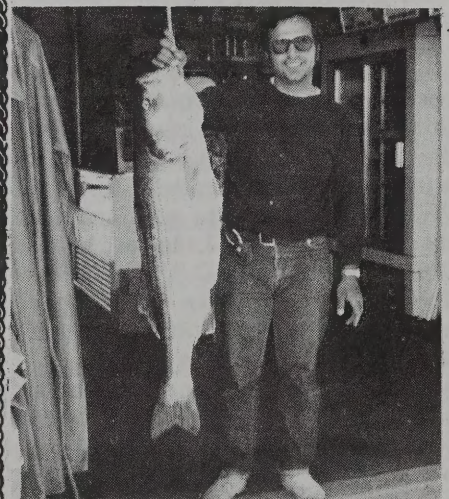
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a 5 lb. 10 oz. weakfish caught at the
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ATLANTIC BEACH TO MANASQUAN

By Greg Beacher

SUPPORT NEEDED

Two months ago, the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources was formed. They are doing a wonderful job in informing the general public and the news media about the need for the United States to adopt a 200 mile fisheries limit. They are making progress and are slowly getting the job done, however, they do need more support in order to get their message to Washington. Show your interest in the future. Write to the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources, 110 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632. They will answer all your questions and will show you how to protect your fishing future.

CHUM LINE CUTTERS

The bluefish season finally broke open last weekend for the Atlantic Beach to Manasquan area. Of course, the chum line cutters were on hand to greet the boats that were chumming for blues. While fishing for blues last Sunday, in the rain, at Monster Ledge at the Mud Hole, I met the first S.O.B. of the season. There we were, after two weeks of hunting for some decent bluefish action offshore, and finally getting a good shot at some jumbo blues. When we had the fish coming steady, a troller, who figured he could catch a few while trolling through our slick, put an end to all our fishing, and in the bargain, didn't catch a thing. When will these guys learn to respect the fisherman who is chumming. One thing is certain, the boat that trolled through our slick knew what he was doing and did it on purpose. He just didn't care about anything but himself. These guys know who they are. They try to call themselves sportsmen, which they're not and never will be.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Atlantic Beach is the best area around for fluke presently. Fluke averaging up to 2 lbs. are being caught at the inlet and towards the Atlantic Beach Bridge, while drifting along Reynolds Channel. Action there has been steady and productive. Squid baits, sand eels, spearing or live killies are all working well. Blackfish are still active along rock jetties, wrecks and sea walls. Striper fishing along the surf and beach areas is still on the slow side. Clam chumming and worm fishing for bass hasn't taken hold

yet.

Blues, stripers, weakfish, bonito, tuna, sharks, fluke and marlin are the targets for the 4th Annual Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club's Fishing Rodeo. Entries are coming in and the tournament committee is busy collecting prizes and trophies. These prizes and trophies will be awarded to the angler catching the largest fish in each category. The tournament will be based at Henning's Fishing Station this coming July 15th and 16th. Applications are available at your local tackle dealer, or write to: Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 471, Atlantic Beach, N.Y. 11509.

JAMAICA BAY

Stripers, blackfish and fluke are all active along Jamaica Bay. Stripers are being caught on worms at most bridges. The bass that are being caught presently average from 2 to 3 pounds but there are some larger fish mixed in. Crabs are producing blackfish along rock jetties and bridges. At the Marine Parkway Bridge, fluke up to 3 lbs. were caught last week. The action there was considered fair and the best action came during the incoming tide.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The bluefish season finally broke open for Sheepshead Bay party boats last week. They had to travel a bit for action, as they fished some 42 miles southeast of Rockaway Jetty at an area called Monster Ledge, some 20 miles southeast of the B.A. Buoy. Blues from 2 to 14 lbs. were caught there at a moderate pace. Despite last Sunday's rain, blues started to cooperate for the first time this season. Anglers averaged from 1 to 4 fish per man. At times the action was real good. Numbers of choppers were lost by eager anglers. Aboard the Double SS, we bagged 44 blues up to 12 lbs. We lost a number of fish, but that's what happens when you chum for blues while using short wire leaders and light line. By this coming weekend, many captains feel that the season will open up, hopefully a bit closer to home.

Fluke are starting to show promise off of Golf Balls and towards Riis Park along the Rockaways. The fluke fishing is holding steady and as each day goes by, action there is improving. Fluke fishing is just getting started at Ambrose Channel. The action there has been slow, but again,

as each day goes by, action seems to improve, both in numbers and size of fish caught. Blackfishing remains good most everywhere. The striper fishing locally is still slow. Only a few small fish are being taken at the jetty, Ambrose Channel and along beaches. Aboard the Tampa IV, it's tilefish, tilefish and more tilefish. Each trip to the Hudson Canyon is yielding excellent catches for anglers.

SANDY HOOK

Lunker bass moved into the Sandy Hook area last week. Bass of 25, 30 and 40 pounds are being caught. Bass fishing was steady last week from Flynn's Knoll to Sandy Hook and towards the Golf Ball. Trollers using tubes and bunker spoons caught their share of fish, however, anglers fishing with live fresh bunker baits really did the job. Some boats boated as many as 4, 5 and 6 bass per boat. Most of these bass were over the 20 lb. mark. Fluke fishing at Flynn's Knoll is holding strong. The same can be said about most of Jersey's beaches. Weakfish and bass are still active along the Shrewsbury River. Some sharp fishermen are loading up on weaks at the river. On the outside, along the Shrewsbury Rocks, blackfish and sea bass are providing moderate action. Boats trolling for stripers along beaches are still hitting a few blues. The blues haven't schooled up yet.

SHARK RIVER

Capt. Al Shinn of the Miss Belmar reported that party boats have started to catch blues both day and night at Monster Ledge at the Mud Hole. Thus far, blues up to 14 lbs. are producing moderate action, however, fishing varies from day to day and night to night. During a few trips last week, party boats had excellent bluefishing for their fares. Both stripers and blues are mixed along beaches and at the inlet. Trollers are catching their share of fish. Fluke fishing is off to a good start for the season. "The new season is finally taking hold, I wish the same could be said of the weather."

MANASQUAN

Harry Conrade of Gates Bait & Tackle reported that fishing in general was off last week. A simple explanation for this is the weather. Otherwise, bass and blues are active along the surf. Fluke fishing in the river is showing promise. Weakfishing, for some reason or another, remains slow. Party boats fishing at Barnegat and Manasquan Ridges are catching blues both day and night. At times the fishing there becomes quite explosive. Blues up to 12 lbs. are providing good action for anglers.

A Letter From Joel M. Berns, D.M.D

Editor:

Your article decrying industrial encroachment on Hempstead Harbor's fishing and wild fowl habitat must affect all true lovers of fishing, duck hunting, and the outdoors in general at the gut level. However, at this stage of the game, you're not telling one crucial concept that your readers had better understand right now if we are going to halt destruction of our bays, harbors, and estuaries.

The L.I.F. has recounted in the past what is happening in several very fine articles. I keep one by Al Reinfelder bound in my waiting room for everyone to read. He has noted what the problem is: too many people demanding too many goods and services whose output gives us end products, byproducts, or waste products that our environment can no longer handle. The products of today (e.g. plastic) pollute in their manufacture and disposal far more than those of yesterday (steel, wood). And several million more people are around to buy, use and discard.

Since our country's beginning, business has used the air, water, and land as free dumping grounds as if it were theirs given by God. Now, with millions more of us, the rules of the game have to be drastically changed. Some people have said that the coming struggle between growth oriented industry and conservationists is going to make past struggles of people versus the big companies look like kid stuff. I agree, and I say it has already started.

Unless we do the one thing you left out of your lament, and that I consider crucial, the relentless march of "progress", such as has affected Hempstead Harbor, is going to finish our fishing and hunting around here. The key to survival of our recreation and good living begins with the realization that turning around today's destructive manner of producing and living is a vastly complex and costly thing to do, and absolutely beyond the ability of any single one of us to affect as an individual. As individuals we remain helpless before the onslaught. But, united! That's a different story! Then, and only then can we count as individuals.

Our salvation must then be this: Each and every man who owns a rod, a reel, a sail or power boat, a sporting gun must join with at least one aggressive conservation organization that can do hard battle with the enormous legal and lobbying forces of the marching industries. Weak or scattered protests, while

admirable in their intent, are no longer sufficient.

We are playing in the big leagues now and it takes big league organization on our side to play the game against ruination. A conservation organization has to be powerful, enough to have access to scientific experts and professional lobbyists to carry our message forcefully to local, state, and federal offices and legislatures. There must be the manpower available full-time to watch the complex activities that go on during legislative sessions. There must be the know-how to push good bills and fight bad ones, to prevent downzoning and degradation of the type that made you "vomit" as you looked out on Hempstead's inner harbor from route 25A.

But even the biggest and best environmental groups desperately need two things at this time: Money (read "dues") and greater numbers behind them (read "members"). When they go to the halls where laws are made or neglected, they must walk in with full expertise and powerful legal and political muscle. It costs money to fight a big oil company polluting your harbor.

Never mind that the company that is polluting kicks in a big donation to the election campaign of your legislator. If a state senator or a town representative knows that a large group of aroused, organized, angry, coordinated people are going to make life hell for him if he downzones an area for a special interest, or if he votes against the conservation bill, he'll think twice before doing it. He'll get the message that, comes the next election, he might just find himself out on the sidewalk. Effective, tough conservation organizations that can pay full-time staff will remind the voters at election time of who did just what on crucial bills, and who played dirty with our bays and marshes. But that kind of organization takes money to run well, and that means membership must expand many times over what it is now. When a legislator does get the message from a group that represents thousands of members, that's called "political clout". Without it an individual guy can vomit his guts out daily and it won't mean a thing. It's sad, but true.

For your readers who may beg off because they don't know where to turn, I herewith submit the names and addresses of a few no-nonsense organizations. Join a few of them; join most of them, fellow sportsmen! The cost is nothing.

Could it be \$50. a year to join three? Compared to the stakes you're playing for, that's peanuts! What are you going to do with that \$500. boat, that \$300. outboard, a hundred dollars' worth of rods and reels, that \$85. shotgun, the decoys, the trailer, the boots, jackets, lures, shells, etc. when the birds and the fish are gone? What did you western Long Island Sound people do with your digging equipment?

What makes me "vomit" are the guys I hear moaning and groaning as they watch their lands and waters being lost bit by bit, but who haven't joined a single major conservation outfit, or even their local associations; or whose local club of fishermen, hunters, or boaters hasn't even thought yet of an environmental protection committee to spread the word to them about what's going on around them and what to do about it!

Anybody who won't join in this beefing-up of our conservation groups has mighty weak grounds for calling himself a sportsman, and even less right to complain when we lose it all. Being a sportsman includes helping to preserve the sport!

Here they are, my own personal choices for those among the best fighters to preserve a sound environment. Don't complain if some of them aren't tax deductible. Many of the best groups have lost their deductible status just because they bugged the government so effectively where the government let us down. Lastly, when the opportunity presents don't neglect other groups who are fighting for your particular thing in your area. Just write six words on a postcard: "Send information. I want to join." Those six words will start you on the road to being someone somewhere where it counts.

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CONNECTICUT SCENE

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MAMARONECK

Somebody's salting the blackfish in Westchester waters. Fred Archer at Mamaronck Fishing Station tells us of a catch numbering 135 blacks in one boat on the weekend just as an example. Stripers are small for the most part, with local youngsters catching and releasing 30 and 40 a day. The ½ oz. Upperman bucktail is the winning ticket in this area. Best bass so far weighed in at 20 pounds, caught by Mr. Jones of Mamaronck.

GREENWICH

Doug Van Wynen at the Sportsman's Den reports a slight slowdown in this area. School bass are still hot. Doug Carlson recorded 40 bass in an afternoon, the biggest 16 inches, taken on a Redfin and a bucktail. A 21½ pounder proved biggest of the week, landed by Ralph Canale on a popper. This followed a 7 lb. chopper the day before on a trolled tube. Cy Bria and Dick Bowman took a quintet of stripers to fifteen pounds on bait. Blacks and sea bass complete the bottom fishing picture. On the fresh water side, fifteen year old Tommy Richardson caught an 18 inch brown trout in Mianus River Gorge on a Mepps, and backed it up by releasing nine other trout measuring 10 to 12 inches.

STAMFORD

At Pat's Marina, action picks up from week to week. While all the New Jersey regulars continue to bring in those fantastic blackfish catches every day, several

bass fishermen also scored. Ronnie Robinson and John De Blasio from Harrison and Hastings, N.Y. respectively, tallied the lucky seven stripers ranging in weight from 12 to 25 pounds, crediting mackerel as the bait. Al Abajowski took seven smaller fish. Ronnie Kowalski grabbed an eight pound black. Bass are being taken in the Shippan area.

DARIEN

Bert is trying to nail down a report of several big stripers taken in the Weed Beach area. Meantime, Roy DeMague has been scoring well in Scotts Cove, recording 70 stripers in a week with his fishing partner.

NORWALK

Rick Mola at Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle gives us our first bluefish report. Mr. Bowman and his fishing partners located a few choppers in mid-Sound between Cockenoe Island and Crane's Neck. Rick and John Romano entered the first Norwalk Striper contest with three of the only four entries. Their quartet all scaled fifteen pounds, but were beaten by the other bass, a 21 pounder from Gary Dillon's boat. Rick also witnessed a 5 lb. weakfish catch off Calf Pasture Pier.

Another good freshwater catch was a 5 lb. rainbow trout at Candlewood Lake, by Newtown angler Roger Sperling. The lure was the Rapala. Blackfish are still strong at the mouth of the Housa-

tonic, and a few weaks continue to scatter among daily catches.

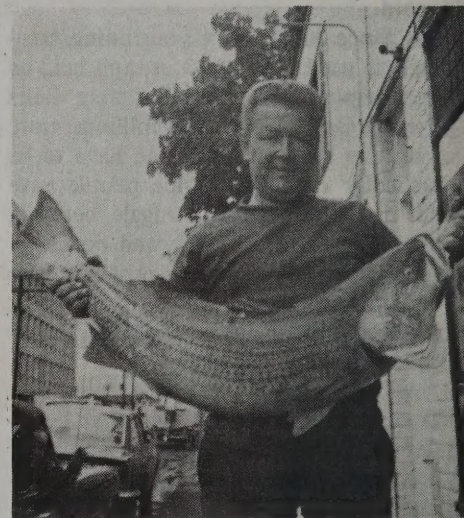
At Bob's Bait, Arthur Patenaude scored with another big fish at Bedfords Point. It scaled 36 lbs. and was caught on an alewife. Weaks are hitting at the Bridgeport Harbor end of Seaside Park, with the Boone Tout and the Bagley Shrimp sharing the honors.

Ted Ferrante at Marine Sports also reports excellent fishing, with one angler nailing a pair of 8 lb. blues off Seaside Park on mackerel. Ted had just returned from his first trip to Quincy, with rock cod, pollock and flounder keeping the rods jumping every minute. He agrees that it's fishing you can only believe if you try it.

NEW HAVEN

Fishing is terrific at Outdoor Sports, with big bass making the scene in New Haven waters. Jim Ardito took a 29½ lb. lunker on mackerel off the West Haven sandbar. Johnny James started his striped bass

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Westporter Tom Urbanowitz with his 40 lb. striper, taken at Bedfords Point on sandworms fished on the bottom. Weighed at the Westport Tackle Shop.

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fishing with a bang, recording a 26 pounder for his first bass, by the same method, but off of Milford. Second day out, his bass weighed 13½ lbs. Blackfishermen are lead by Lawrence DeLeo with a 12 lb. 14 oz. black on a fiddler crab. He's a member of that bass-fishing Central Connecticut Striper Club in Meriden. In the fresh water, Rainbow Lake Trout Farm is yielding lunker trout on a steady basis, and Outdoor Sports own Frank Rea took his limit two times out at Uncas Lake. Blues are still hot at Faulkeners.

BOATS

Tom Duscio of the Theresa-L out of Norwalk stands by the big blacks, several topping the 10 lb. mark. He's also trying to track down a rumor of whiting in the Sound, and will advise if it proves out.

Larry Hample, who skippers the Scorpion out of New London, tells us the Race boats are catching bluefish. First reports show boats to be averaging from 35 to 45 fish a day. Bass are running good, with some catches to forty pounds. Blues are averaging 3 and 4 pounds, with an occasional chopper around the 7 lb. mark.

Capt. John Minnitti continues to take the Delmar to excellent fishing from his Greenwich port daily. Blacks are still in strong, with enough weaks thrown in to provide a bonus. A buddy of his recorded a few Harbor blues in Greenwich waters, a promise of what's to come.

Ed Brower, skippered the Dolphin out of Bridgeport to some good porgy and blackfishing, despite the wind and cold snap of last weekend.

Ken Gerhardt from Peekskill, N.Y. called to rave about the current weakfish run out of Heckscher State Park on the Island. He and partners recorded 75 sea-trout in a morning, with all the action credited to the Bagley Salty Dog Shrimp. After the weekend, this Connecticut Yankee angler hopes to tow the Writers Cramp out to Heckscher and give it a try. It sounds like weakfishing at Great South Bay is the equivalent of flounder fishing at Quincy.

Did You Know...

INCOMING TIDES

Many surfcasters like an incoming tide because it floats crabs and other baitfish out of their burrows and triggers a feeding reaction among the larger fish

N.Y. OCEAN SCIENCE LAB NEWS RELEASE

The erratic pattern of good and bad flounder fishing in Peconic Bay and Gardiners Bay areas this year could be caused by unseasonal water temperatures disrupting the "biological clocks" of the flatfish, according to Dr. Herbert M. Austin, Associate Research Scientist in Fisheries Oceanography at the New York Ocean Science Laboratory, Montauk.

Dr. Austin and his staff use otter trawls and plankton nets in tagging and otherwise observing the life cycle and migration habits of flounder, so he knows the locations of fish whether they are biting fishermen's baited hooks or not.

"Any definite conclusions at this point would be speculative without scientific foundation," the scientist said. "However, with continuation of our research and cooperation of fishermen working the flounders, we can eventually piece something together."

Regarding the apparent reluctance of the flounder to move according to a calendar schedule, Dr. Austin reported observations of water temperatures as related to the fish during the present warm fall/cold winter/warm spring period.

According to his logbook, last fall was unseasonably warm, with the normal September cooling holding off until late October. The scientist collected typically atutumn plakton until late December.

Then, the small bays and creeks were unusually cold through February and March. For example, Lake Montauk Harbor dropped to 29 degrees Fahrenheit and nearby Napeague Harbor stayed at 30 degrees.

At the present time, the waters are unseasonably warm; 50 degrees instead of the average 40-45 degrees.

Returns from all the flounders tagged last fall show some migration, Dr. Austin said. They ranged from two to 45 miles.

However, returns from the flounders tagged this spring show no movement at all; every tagged fish caught has been landed at its tagging location.

"Several past studies and out own results show that flounders like cooler waters of below 65 degrees, but warmer than 40 degrees," Dr. Austin said. "When temperatures drop below 35 degrees, they go into the mud and emerge to spawn during February and March when the temperatures are between 35 and 40 degrees."

He said that when the waters of the bays warm to more than 60 degrees,

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the larger flounder migrate into the deeper waters of Block Island Sound. The smaller flatfish (up to six inches in length) appear to remain year round in the protected bays.

This year's big question centers on the movement, or lack of movement, of the medium sized fish (eight to 15 inches in length). The biggest flounder, the Snowshoes, may have already migrated into the Sound.

The scientist's trawling efforts have shown the following places to be productive: Lake Montauk, Sag Harbor Cove, Northwest Creek at Sag Harbor, Coecles Cove at Shelter Island, Three-Mile Harbor and Acabonack Creek.

The following areas are particularly unproductive: Flanders Bay, Peconic Bay, and along the Southold, Greenport, Orient Point stretch.

"Pure sand or grass bottoms are out - - no fish," Dr. Austin said. "The best fishing still is in muddy bottoms, four to ten feet deep in coves and creek areas."

"The fish seem to be staying put this year," he continued. "Those usually taken around Gardiners Island at this time seem to be still in and around Sag Harbor and Shelter Island."

"If fishermen working the flounders could provide certain information to augment our own study program, we could come up with some answers," Dr. Austin said. "It would call for them to report water temperatures at their fishing locations, the length of time spent fishing, and the number and size range of fish caught."

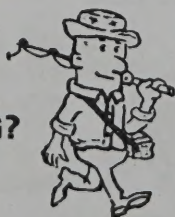
The Laboratory's tagging program, initiated last year, is used in the study of the mortality, growth, size and migrations of local fish populations. In addition to the flounder project, tags are being placed in striped bass, weakfish and scup (porgy) in Peconic and Gardiners Bays.

The overall program (involving water temperatures, eggs, larvae, juveniles and tags) is designed to arrive at a means of predicting the annual arrival and departure time of the fish in Long Island waters.

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Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
JONES INLET	-0	19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potauk Point	+3	35
SHINNEDOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND WILLETS POINT STATION

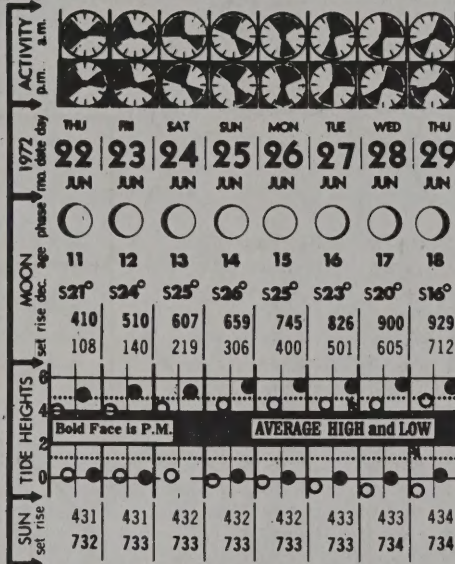
DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	9:41	9:51
Sat.	10:26	10:32
Sun.	11:07	11:03
Mon.	11:44	11:27
Tues.		12:09
Wed.	11:56	12:33
Thur.	12:31	1:04
	1:00	1:12

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

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DAILY BEST FISHING TIMES - E.S.T. - 40° LAT., 75° LONG.



Moon in Apogee-June 21, 10:00 p.m.
Farthest South-June 25, 9:00 a.m.
Full Moon-June 26, 1:46 p.m.

The ACTIVITY CHARTS show the most probable feeding times for fish and wildlife each day, calculated from the relative positions of the sun, the moon and the earth, A.M. means midnight to noon; P.M. means noon to midnight.

TIDES: L.I. SOUND BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	8:57	9:13
Fri.	9:45	9:58
Sat.	10:32	10:43
Sun.	11:16	11:24
Mon.	11:58	
Tues.	12:05	12:38
Wed.	12:46	1:19
Thur.	1:27	1:58

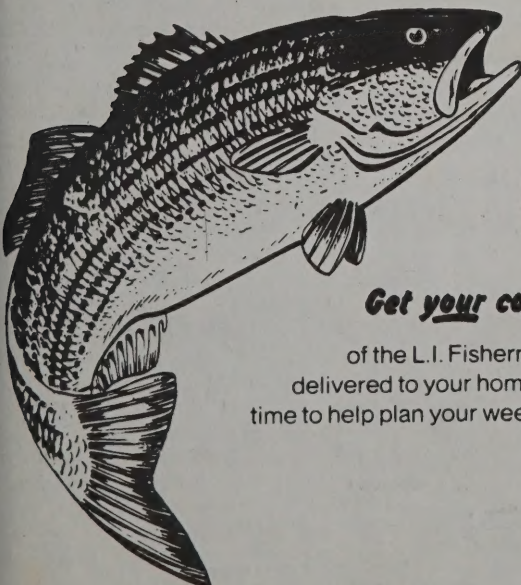
	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	7:14	7:28
Fri.	7:59	8:06
Sat.	8:38	8:44
Sun.	9:20	9:22
Mon.	9:59	10:00
Tues.	10:37	10:40
Wed.	11:18	11:19
Thur.		12:01

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
Montauk Point	-1	13

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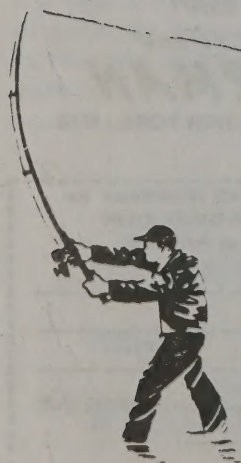
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